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Government's Plans For Evacuees In Manila SHIPS WILL BE IN MANILA BY END JULY

21 PLANES SHOT DOWN IN A DAY

The British Air Ministry announced this morning that latest reports show that nine more enemy aircraft were shot down during Saturday's operations around the British coast, making 21 for the day.

Altogether, first reports show, three enemy planes were brought down on Sunday.—Reuter.

HEAVY NAZI AIR LOSSES RECOUNTED

(Special to "China Mail")

Since the end of the Franco-German hostilities, British fighters have shot down 139 German warplanes of which 89 were bombers and 50 pursuit planes.

Officials in London emphasised yesterday that every plane claimed was formally accounted for, and therefore the figures are absolutely correct.

Since the outbreak of the European war Germany has lost 212 planes, of which 162 were heavy bombers and 50 fighters, during the raids over Britain.

Furthermore, reliable estimates consider that at least 100 German planes were badly damaged and incapable of returning home.

British losses during the same period amounted to only 20 fighter planes.

Since the German air force has lost approximately 300 planes over Britain, it must have lost about 1,000 airmen.—Havas.

REPLY TO HITLER

The Diplomatic Correspondent of "The Times" states that Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, will broadcast tonight at 20.15 G.M.T. (4.15 a.m. Hong Kong time), and his address will be in the nature of a reply to Hitler's Reichstag speech.—Reuter.

MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION REGARDING PLANS FOR THE EARLY TRANSFER TO AUSTRALIA OF HONG KONG'S EVACUEES NOW HOUSED IN DIFFERENT PLACES IN THE PHILIPPINES WAS AVAILABLE FROM OFFICIAL QUARTERS THIS AFTERNOON.

Arrangements have been completed for enough shipping to take everyone to Australia who wishes to go, quite soon. The steamers will arrive in Manila before the end of July.

In an interview this afternoon, ships which are provided by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North) giving an outline of the preparations, stated that on the trip between Manila and Australia there will be completely satisfactory berthing accommodation for everyone, and there will be ample space for additional luggage.

Husbands and parents in Hong Kong who desire to send down more luggage for their families, can arrange to send it to Manila, but it must, for obvious reasons, be sent as early as possible.

On the question of finance, the Colonial Secretary stated that no person will be asked to pay for their passage if they travel in

JAPANESE CABINET'S STRONG MAN

(Special to "China Mail")

Lt.-Gen. Hidaki Tojo, war Minister in the new Konoye Cabinet, is known as a strong man, the Tokyo press declared yesterday.

He is considered one of the most dynamic figures in the Japanese army and is nicknamed "The Razor" for his acute intellect and decisiveness.

It was stated in Tokyo that he was selected for the War Ministry in preference to several of his seniors because "action rather than argument and a young spirit" appear to Army circles to be indispensable under present circumstances.

Lt.-Gen. Tojo is in the fifties. He is a son of the famous General who distinguished himself under the Emperor Meiji.

Lt.-Gen. Tojo has already cooperated with Prince Konoye, having served as Vice-Minister of War from May to December, 1938. Before this he held the post of Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army.

He won a high military award for leading the Japanese troops who captured Kulang and Paotow in 1937. At present he is Superintendent-General of Aviation.—Havas.

SIX AGAINST EIGHTY

The Air Ministry announce that six Hurricanes fought 80 German bombers and fighters attacking shipping over the Channel yesterday afternoon.

They shot down one Messerschmidt and damaged several other raiders.—Reuter.

EQUALISATION FUND: TOKYO NEW STYLE

(Special to "China Mail")

THE DIRECTORS OF THE TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE WILL TRY TO BOLSTER STOCK PRICES IN FUTURE BY BUYING UP LEADING SHARES WHENEVER THE MARKET SHOWS A WEAK TENDENCY, ACCORDING TO THE TOKYO COMMERCIAL DAILY "SHUGAI SHOGYO" YESTERDAY.

A fund of 15,000,000 yen is being set aside for the purpose. This fund will come partly from the Tokyo Stock Exchange Brokers Association and partly from the Stock Exchange Daiko Company which is the financing concern for the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Should the fund prove inadequate the Stock Exchange may appeal to the Bank of Japan and the Industrial Bank of Japan.—Havas.

H.K. CHILD DROWNED IN MANILA

Patrick Hutton, six-year-old son of Sergeant Hutton, of the Seaforths, was the first Hong Kong evacuee casualty in Manila on Saturday when he was drowned while swimming in Paringao Bay, near Bauang.

A bigger boy managed to save one or two boys caught in the current but the body of Patrick was swept away and was found two hours later.—Reuter.

MR. MATSUOKA TALKS ON TALK

(Special to "China Mail")

"I will not talk as much in the future as I have in the past; I will act instead," Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister in the new Konoye Cabinet and Japanese delegate to the League of Nations during the Manchurian Incident of 1931, told the press in Tokyo yesterday.

He added: "The diplomat or statesman who talks too much is either lying or bluffing." Mr. Matsuoka was formerly President of the South Manchuria Railway.—Havas.

SUBMARINE SALMON MISSING

The Admiralty announces that the submarine Salmon (Commander Bickford) is considerably overdue and must be presumed lost.

It will be recalled that Salmon was the submarine which allowed the German liner Bremen to go because she could not have sunk her without infringing international law.

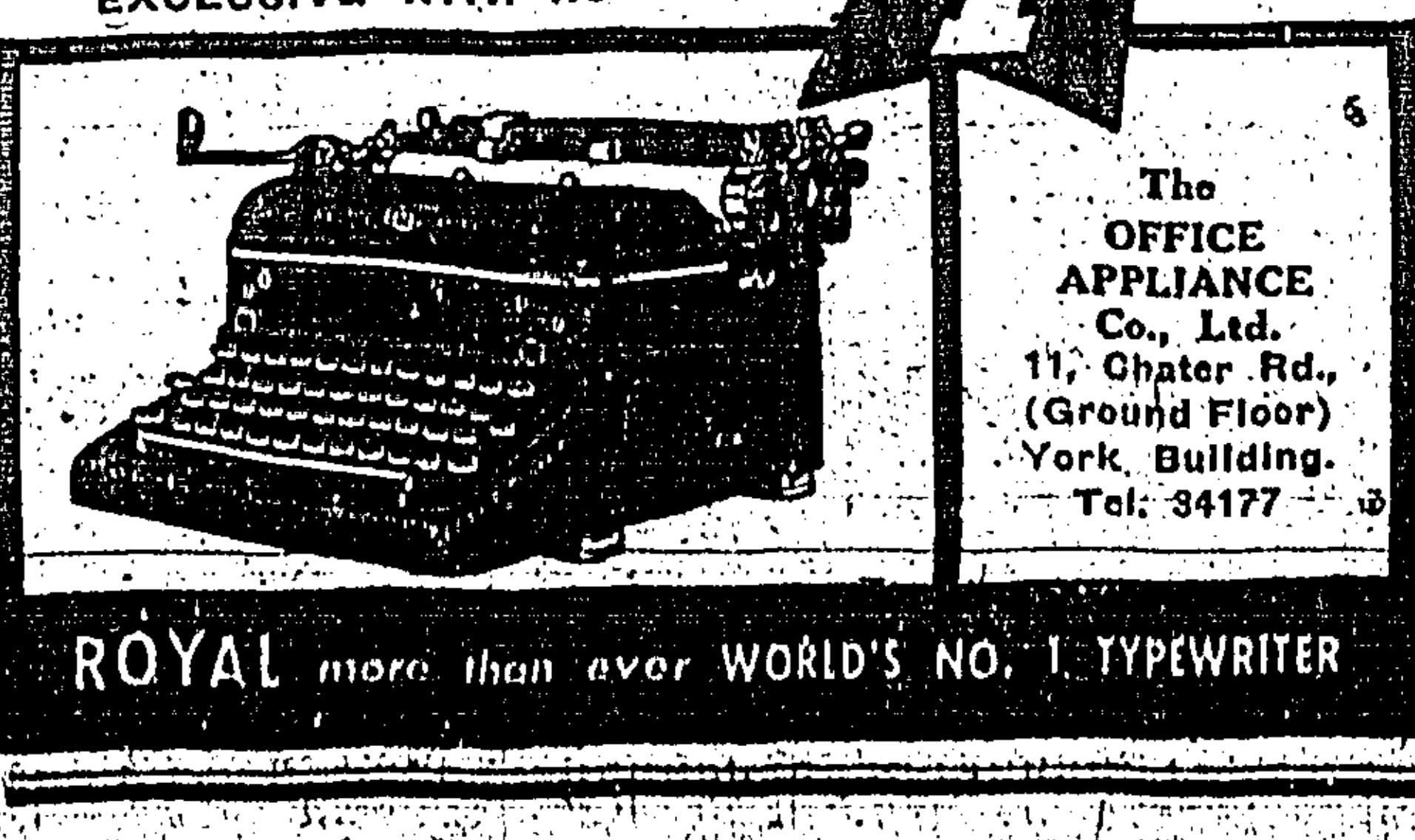
She figured in an earlier engagement with German warships, when it was believed she hit the Leipzig and Bluecher with torpedoes.—Reuter.

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GREAT SHORTAGES IN FRANCE

Something of the havoc wrought in France by the German invasion was revealed by M. Pietri, French Minister of Communications, broadcasting from Vichy last night.

He said over 700 railway bridges were destroyed while roads, canals, rivers, posts and telegraphs and telephones were affected, resulting in lack of news and precarious transport of food.

There were great shortages of petrol, coals, lubricating oil and all kinds of material, and he appealed to all Frenchmen to help repair the damage. — Reuter.

BEATEN TO DEATH

A 31-year-old Chinese, Chan Tui, was found dead outside No. 226, Cheungshawan Road, last night. Two shop fokis in the same vicinity have been detained in connection with the case. It is alleged that the man was brutally assaulted.

EASTBOURNE CHILDREN EVACUATED

Five special trains took 2,700 children from Eastbourne yesterday under the voluntary evacuation scheme. The children represented half the juvenile population of the town, and they will be distributed in six towns in Essex and Hertfordshire. — Reuter.

A STUPID CRIME

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, Lee Yee, 22, was sentenced to one month's hard labour, for fraudulent conversion of 3 maces of gold.

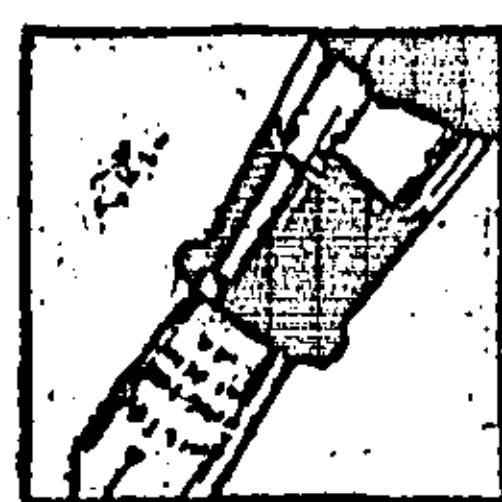
Det.-Sgt. V. Morrison said defendant was employed as a foki at the Wo Hing Goldsmith shop and was given a piece of gold to make an appendage. From time to time, the proprietor asked for the appendage, and defendant failed to produce it. Later he admitted that he sold the gold for \$40 and spent the money.

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But There Is Still A Long Way To Go

BRITISH AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION NOW EXCEEDS THE RATE OF 1,800 MACHINES A MONTH PRODUCED BY GERMANY, ACCORDING TO THE "SUNDAY TIMES" AIR CORRESPONDENT.

In a review of the air situation the correspondent says that although Germany's first line air strength, estimated at 18,000 machines, is still ahead of the British, there are reasonable grounds for believing she lacks trained crews for the machines built.

German first line strength, declares the correspondent, includes about 3,000 troop-carriers each capable of carrying some 20 men over a short distance.

Ratio of German bombers to German fighters is about equal.

The German production rate of 1,800 a month does not represent the peak obtainable.

New factories are now coming into production in Poland and may even be established in France, but against this must be set the tremendous damage done by the R.A.F. which is interfering with production in the West.

Longer Nights

When the longer nights enable longer flights under cover of darkness more distant objectives in eastern Germany and northern Italy will probably suffer regular disturbance, thus materially reducing output.

The correspondent points out that crews cannot be produced as fast as planes and many German machines which escape in a damaged condition take home dead rear gunners, thus increasing the shortage of trained crews.

Nevertheless the Germans endeavour to put straight into new squadrons as many as possible of their new planes with crews of very little flying experience.

This policy is based on the idea of giving lightning strokes of tremendous weight.

Dangerous Assumption

The correspondent declares the assumption that Germany has not yet flung her big air offensive against Britain because she is either not capable of doing so or not willing, is nothing less than dangerous.

The attacks will come when Germany has consolidated her present position and will seek to wear down our defences by their persistence and continuity. Regarding the quality of British production, the correspondent says without question our planes are completely superior as fighting machines. — Reuter.

LAUNDRYMAN SENT TO PRISON

Miss Gosano, of Homuntin Hill, Mrs. Powell, of Fa Yuen Street, and an Indian constable of the Naval Dockyard, accused a laundryman, Tsoi Tim, 22, before Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning of the theft of sheets and clothing.

Pleading guilty to the charges, Tsoi Tim was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour. The property, which accused had pawned, was ordered to be returned to the owners.

Accused, formerly employed by a laundry in Haiphong Road, left the firm about a month ago, but continued to collect sheets and cloths on behalf of the laundry.

LAVAL AS FRANCE'S CHIEF CENSOR

M. Pierre Laval has taken over the control of censorship in France.

"Le Jour-Echo de Paris" welcomes the appointment and says he will be able to curb the zeal of "white-washing" newspapers.

Writing in "Oeuvre," Marcel Deat severely criticises the way in which the truth was hidden from France and adds the hour of truth has arrived. — Reuter.

FREEDOM OF OPINION REITERATED

The Cabinet yesterday approved the decision of the Minister of Information that the present system of voluntary censorship in England shall continue, announces an official statement in London yesterday.

The statement says that Mr. Duff-Cooper, announcing the decision to the Press Advisory Committee, emphasised he had never had any intention of interfering with the free expression of opinion.

He said there was a more than adequate staff for the scrutiny of the Press and he proposed that responsibility for prosecution for the publication of information useful to the enemy would rest with the Ministry of Information instead of the service department concerned, as hitherto. — Reuter.

CHINA'S PROGRESS IN SZECHUAN

THE SUM OF \$300,000,000 has been invested by the Chinese National Government in private industrial enterprises in Szechuan province during the past three years, according to a survey of the productive powers of Szechuan issued officially in Chungking yesterday.

A survey of China's ability to meet the requirements of the war finds that China faces no lack of sources of industrial power since the Szechuan coal reserves are estimated at 900,000,000 tons, and water power to the possible extent of 20,000,000 horsepower may be developed along the many and rapid inland streams.

A marked improvement in the financial facilities of the province was visible during the course of the past three years during which 250 branches of governmental banks were established all over the province.

The progress of production of many industrial items, especially textiles, and the stimulation of the growth of cotton, is also pointed out.

The difficulties inherent in the current situation are considered briefly by the survey.

It is pointed out that Szechuan's population is some 60,000,000 and there is a great drain on manpower at present for communications projects and services in the army.

REFUGEES NO HELP
Refugees proceeding to Szechuan do not help the labour problem, it is stated, since they are mostly from the middle class and cannot do manual work. — Reuter.

It is believed that the proper utilisation of feminine labour will alleviate the problem.

The low educational level of the province is also considered a factor holding back progress, and it is recommended that every stress quickly be laid on the popularisation of the minimum essential education among the people.

The iron reserve of the province totals only 65,000,000 tons but it is important to note that this reserve has not yet been exploited. — Reuter.

RODERICK RETAINS WELTERWEIGHT TITLE

Ernie Roderick retained the British welterweight championship on July 13, beating Norman Snow on points in a bout of 15 rounds. — Reuter.

CHALLENGE OF DICTATORS GENERAL SMUTS GIVES THE ANSWER: NAZI POWER DOOMED

GENERAL SMUTS, in a broadcast to Britain, the United States, and the whole world yesterday, gave his personal views on two questions—the prospects at this stage and the kind of peace we are trying to reach.

He recalled Germany's recent spectacular successes, culminating in the collapse of France, and said that, although he did not minimise the danger of invasion, the case of Britain was very different from that of all the others.

The British, unlike the French, were as united as never before. Their leadership was one of brilliance and courage, and the competence of their military commanders could not be questioned.

Britain was the main bastion of the Allied defence, and until her forces had been disposed of, it was futile to talk of defeat.

No Place For Fuehrers

Even if Hitler did not attack Britain, he would still lose, because Britain's air and sea power would in the end strangle and bring down in ruins his land empire in Europe.

As to the kind of peace, our vision was still freedom, the liberation of Europe from the Nazis and its organization into a new freedom, a free Europe for individuals and nations giving full scope to personal and national self-development and perfection.

In that Europe, there would be no place for self-appointed leaders and Fuehrers.

That would be our reply to the challenge of the dictators and we would back it up with all the strength God had given us.

Views His Own

General Smuts' views were his own personal views and must not be taken to have any official character.

The Germans so far had had an uninterrupted series of the most spectacular successes—Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and finally the most colossal and most stunning of all—the sudden and unexpected collapse of France.

Everywhere the Germans had won not only by superior numbers but also by superior equipment, technique and strategy. Everywhere their opponents were forestalled, outwitted and surprised, and appeared to have no chance.

These successes had created an air of invincibility which had been most effectively exploited by German propaganda. It claimed the war was already won and only the final coup-de-grace to Britain awaited.

There were many people, either defeatist by temperament or who don't look below the surface of events, who had come reluctantly to accept the German view and to regard the chances of Britain in the light of what happened in France and other unfortunate countries. "I think they make a profound mistake." — General Smuts said.

Two Considerations

Britain's case was very different. He did not wish to minimise the danger of a German invasion of Britain, and did not wish to say a word in the least likely to tend to relaxation of the preparations being taken for the defence of Britain.

But to the saint-hearted he wished to point out two considerations which should be carefully borne in mind.

In the first place, an army is not defeated by mopping up its minor outlying units separated from the main force. Capture of those minor units is a mere incident of no especial importance to the main issue of battle—and if anyone regarded these minor setbacks as pointing to the defeat of the main army, he made a mis-

take at variance with all military history.

The overrunning of small neutral countries was in the nature of such a minor military incident.

Of course the downfall of France was not a minor incident. It was indeed one of the most serious catastrophes of modern times but it might be fairly completely accounted for by the incredible mistakes of the French High Command, the deep internal fissures in French politics and the hopeless weakness of its political leadership at the most critical moment.

France was divided and a sick soul before the end came and her case deserved our deepest sympathy.

The British people on the contrary were to-day united as never before in their history under a leadership of unrivalled brilliance, courage and competence. Their military command was not questioned among those who were in the know.

Crux Of Situation

Here then is the crux of the war situation. Britain remains the inner core of the Allied cause—a force with which Germany will have to deal before a decision is reached:

"It is futile to talk of defeat until a mortal blow is struck at this heart of the Allied defence."

"The affairs of our posts do not affect this main battlefield, and the Germans have not won the war until they have overcome the main Allied forces entrenched in the island fortress of Britain.

"How different the case of Britain is to that of other countries which have been overrun is illustrated by the most astounding incident of the whole war in France.

"I refer to the escape of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk, the significance of which, a memorable event for the real inwardness of the war has not been sufficiently noted.

"Consider it for a moment. If ever a force was trapped and doomed it was the B.E.F. at Dunkirk. The German Government announced it was trapped and the High Command concentrated the bulk of its vast bombing air force in an effort to achieve this crowning victory.

The Question

"They realised that on the fate of the B.E.F. might depend the fate of Britain itself. But the combined action of the Royal Navy and R.A.F. succeeded in saving the entire B.E.F. and the major part of the associated French Army as well.

"If the German army and air force together could not succeed in the supreme effort in their attack at a single point like Dunkirk, how can they fairly hope to succeed in an attack on such a huge area as Britain where, moreover, every physical and moral factor will be vastly in favour of the defence?

"Sea power and air power combined are the real keys to the problem of Britain's defences, and Dunkirk was a test case which showed how effective that defence is likely to be in the more favourable case of Britain itself.

"The cause of Britain is not lost until Britain itself is taken.

"If Dunkirk has any message for us, it is the heartening one that Britain will prove to be an impregnable fortress against which Germany's might will be signally remedied for the ills from which human society is suffering.

"If that attack fails, Hitler is lost and all Europe, indeed the whole world, is saved.

"And if Hitler doesn't venture to attack, Britain is equally lost, for the same combination of seapower which hauled him at Dunkirk and which would have saved Britain from invasion would then be turned in a victorious offensive against Hitler—an offensive which finally would throttle, strangle and bring down in ruins his vast land empire in Europe, for in a war of endurance the time factor must prove fatal to Hitler's plans.

"Under the ever-tightening blockade, his essential war supplies must rapidly dwindle until he can no longer hold down the vast populations whom he has overrun, oppressed, starved and sought to enslave."

Hitler's Position

As to the kind of peace, perhaps the position could best be indicated by contrasting it with the sort of world order which Hitler is aiming at and which he will probably yet proclaim in a great peace offensive.

"Hitler to-day is in a very strong position. He is master of most of Europe and will probably succeed in putting the whole of it also in his power or in his pocket.

"This is no longer the Kaiser's dream of Mittel Europa. It is the whole continent, with Russia, reduced to a subservient, acquiescent role.

"This continent he will mould to his will. He will pose as the regenerator of the old Europe. The old and effete European order, with its chequer-board of sovereign states, he will sweep away.

"A new united states of Europe will be erected on an elastic Nazi model.

"Being master of Europe he can afford to restore a semblance of freedom to his victims and establish a system of so-called free states which, however, will all be held together in the bonds of the Nazi order, internal tariff walls and economic barriers will disappear and a large closed continental market will be established with Germany as its centre and as regulator on economic lines which have already become manifest during the Nazi regime.

Mechanised Europe

"It will be a new, mechanised Europe with some of the forms but none of the substances of freedom—a Europe in which the units will be held together by the central controls of Nazi ideologues and Nazi economics, with the mailed fist in the background.

"Real freedom, personal or national, will have perished. The principles of freedom of speech, thought, religion and press, which have been the guiding ideals of the West, will have been effectively suppressed.

"The name of the Monroe Doctrine for this Europe will be invoked but it will be a mere mockery and travesty of the Monroe Doctrine of America which is the bulwark of a free national self-development for the whole continent.

"This, in essence, will be the Hitler plan. It will doubtless be dressed up in attractive forms and will make its appeal to a certain order of minds everywhere.

Europe's Miseries

"Tired, war-sick Europe, racked by suffering and appalled by the spectre of coming starvation, may even accept it as an escape from greater miseries, but it will be the negation of what the human spirit and free human souls for long ages have looked forward to as an inspiring ideal.

"The vision which has guided our long, slow advance will have perished in the utter darkness of defeat. Against this spectre of freedom still remains our sovereign remedy for the ills from which human society is suffering.

MINESWEEPER SUNK BY BOMBERS

An Admiralty communiqué yesterday announced that the minesweeping trawler Crest Flower, in an engagement with enemy aircraft, sustained damage and subsequently sank.

Two ratings lost their lives in the action.—Reuter.

AND THE DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST

The German radio yesterday stated Mussolini had sent the following telegram to Hitler:

"The words of your great speech in the Reichstag have gone straight to the hearts of the Italian people.

"I am now addressing my thanks to you, assuring you that in all circumstances the Italian people will continue to march side by side with the German nation to victory."

Hitler replied: "I thank you, Duce, for your friendly message."

"United in our ideology and allied in our strength of arms, Fascist Italy and National Socialist Germany will bring the war to a victorious conclusion to ensure freedom for our nations." — Reuter.

FALSE STATEMENT CHARGE

Alleged to have made a false statement to a guard that he had seen parachutists landing, Patrick O'Lughlin, aged fifty-four, building contractor, Navan Road, Dublin, appeared before a military court in Dublin and was remanded.

U.S. PLANE CRASH

Two or three people are believed to have been killed when a large Douglas plane which was undergoing tests for the U.S. Navy crashed in flames at Los Angeles.

He who will be master shall be the servant.

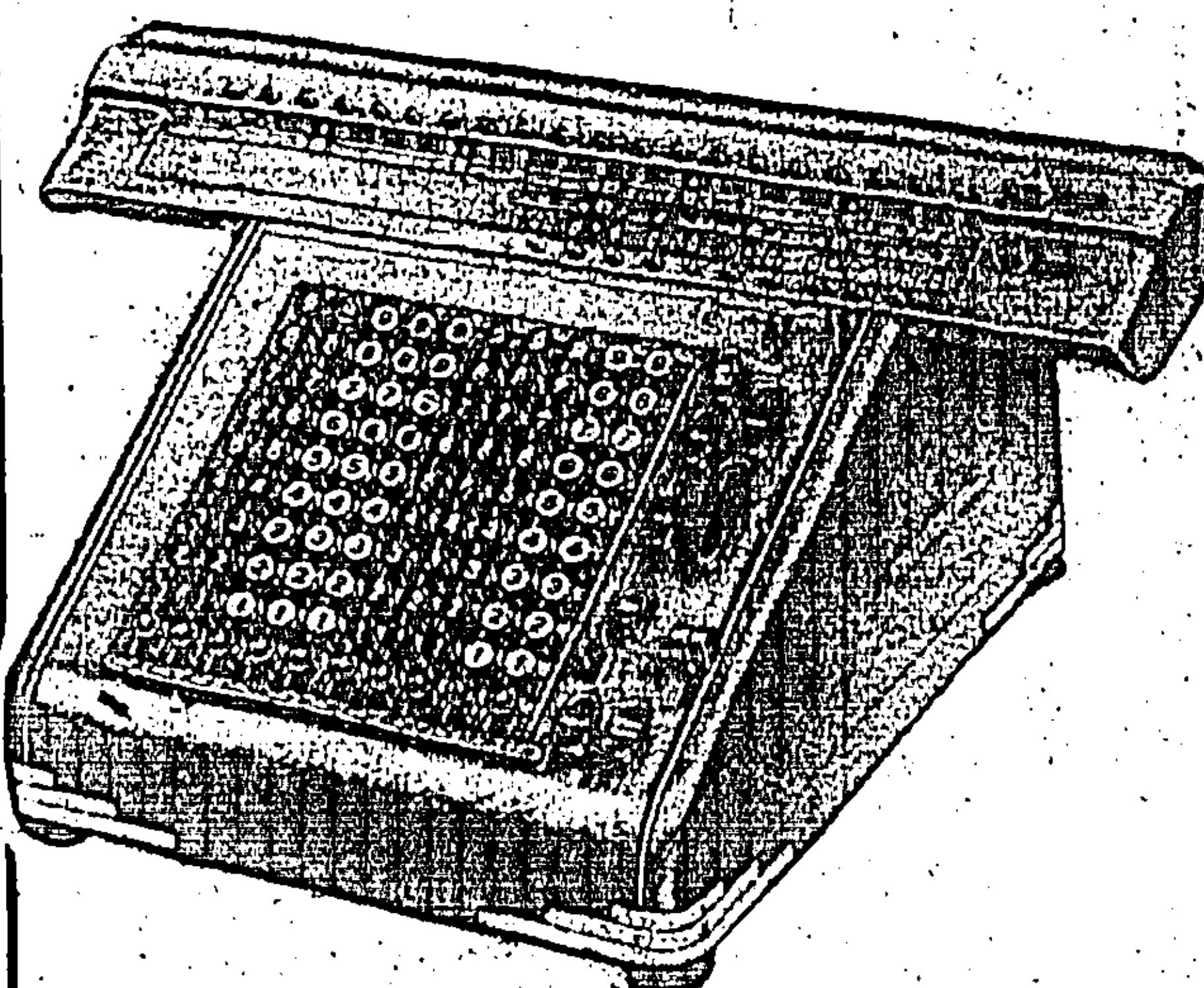
"Our aim and motto will be a nation of free men and women and an international society of free nations.

"This will be our reply to the challenge of the Dictators and we shall back up that reply with all the strength that God has given us." — Reuter.

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Some quarters expect the tax will be raised by as much as 2/- while there may be some recasting of the income tax limits in order to bring within the scope of the tax sections of the community who hitherto have not been affected by it.

MR. MENZIES REPLY TO AXIS REPORT

According to the Sydney radio, the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies, denying Rome and Berlin rumours that Australia had refused to send more troops abroad, said:

"Australia will play her part wherever it is necessary and there will be no slackening of her war effort."

Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force would continue with full vigour when conditions called for it.

He added what had been done was to concentrate and consolidate Australia's home forces to which there had been an unprecedented rush of recruits.—Reuter.

DERISIVE LAUGHTER

Hitler's speech drew only "derisive laughter from Britons throughout the world," Mr. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, told a rally of 10,000 people at Melbourne yesterday.

Britain, he said, will never abandon the cause of humanity freedom and security. Let Hitler answer for the hardships of Europe.

Australia and Britain have one faith—the determination for peace on our terms, not Hitler's.—Reuter.

TYphoon East of FOOCHOW

The typhoon is situated 250 miles east of Foochow, and is moving northward, according to the Royal Observatory this morning.

Pressure is highest over the Pacific to the south-east of Japan, and relatively low over China generally.

FRENCH FOLLOW FASCIST TACTICS

The Vichy Government has imposed a strict control on radio, newspapers and films. M. Laval, the Deputy Premier, will be Controller.—Reuter.

N.E.I. WITHIN THE STERLING GROUP

The Australian Minister of Customs, Mr. G. MacLennan, announced in Canberra yesterday that from August 22 the Netherlands East Indies will be regarded as a country within the sterling group for the purpose of import control regulations.—Reuter.

DEATH OF MRS. PHILIP GOCKCHIN

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Gockchin, wife of Mr. Philip Gockchin, General Manager of the Wing On Co., Ltd., and Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, who passed away at her residence at No. 14, Fung Fei Terrace, Happy Valley last Sunday, at the age of 61, after a long illness of seven years.

The late Mrs. Gockchin, who was extremely enthusiastic in charity and philanthropy and popular with her large circle of Chinese friends in the Colony, left behind five sons, two daughters and a large number of grandchildren to mourn her loss, and to them the deepest sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will take place at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulum to-morrow afternoon. The cortège will leave her residence at 2.30 p.m.

HAPPY VALLEY ARMED ROBBERY

Five men armed with knives forced their way into the third floor of No. 10, Kingkong Street, Happy Valley, residence of Mr. Ma Kwok-leung, shortly after 7 a.m. this morning. They escaped with \$110 in notes and articles valued at \$40. No arrests have been made.

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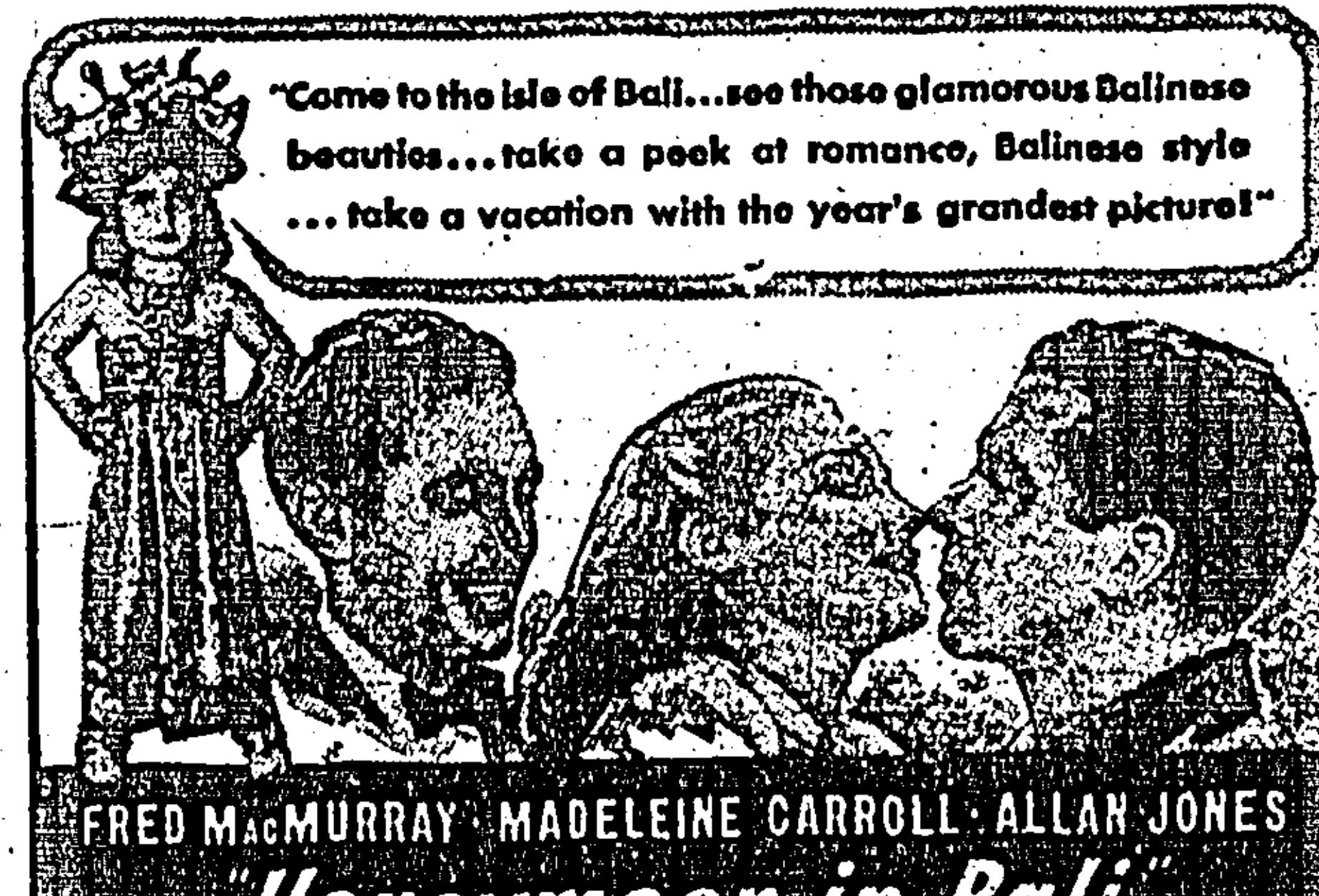
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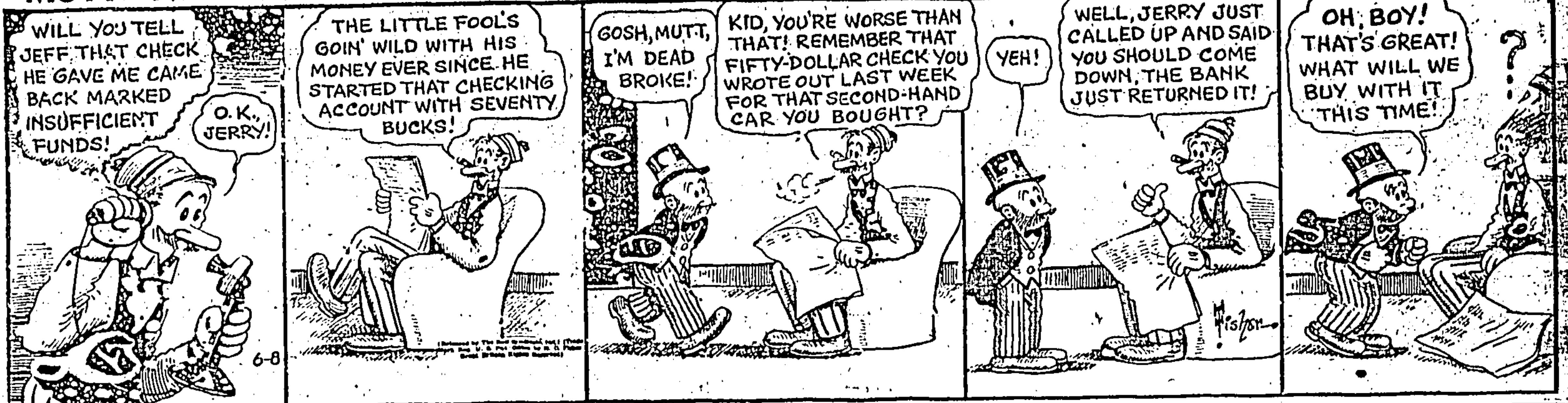
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By BUD FISHER

SENNET FRERES MURDER TRIAL: SHOP STRUGGLE

EVIDENCE THAT NO two guns, made by the same manufacturer at the same time, and of the same calibre, would have the same groovings was given by Sergeant G. Perkins, the Police Armourer, at the Supreme Court this morning when the Sen-net Freres murder case in which Mr. J. Dubois, the manager, was killed; was opened.

The case is being heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor and the case for the prosecution is being conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, assisted by Inspector O'Donovan.

Accused Li Hung-fui, alias Joseph Li, aged 20, who is charged with the murder, was represented by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy instructed by Mr. W. M. Brown.

The jury is composed of the following:—Messrs. D. McFerran (foreman), Ng Kong-hing, H. D. Rumjahn, Mok Man-kee, C. Blum, J. M. McKenzie and C. Garcia.

Mr. Reynolds said that the staff of Sen-net Freres, where the murder was committed, consisted of Mr. Dubois, the deceased, Mr. Chan Siu-wah, general assistant, Mr. Ng Kwok-wah, a salesman, two shop coolies, and two watch repairers who worked on the upper floor.

Just Before Closing

The premises closed normally at 5.15 p.m. and a quarter of an hour before closing time it was the habit of the general assistant to collect the more expensive items of jewellery from the show windows to be locked up.

On May 2, Mr. Dubois was sitting at the rear of the shop at about 5 p.m. talking to Mr. P. Calderara, a business associate. Mr. Ng was then behind a show case and Mr. Chan in the front portion of the shop, collecting jewellery.

Shortly after 5 p.m., defendant entered the shop holding a pistol. He went close up to Mr. Chan, told him not to move and to put

his hands up. Chan turned round and dropped a cardboard box he was holding, at the same time shouting out "Robbers" and moving towards the back of the shop.

Mr. Ng, who was behind a show case then stood up and defendant fired a shot in the direction of the two assistants. Mr. Dubois and Mr. Calderara, seeing what was happening, began to move towards defendant. One moved to the front and the other went along the other side.

Defendant had, in the meantime, snatched up three rings and put them in his pocket. Ng then managed to grab defendant from behind and swing him round. He attempted to shoot Ng, but the shot went wide.

Several Shots

Mr. Calderara had, by this time, reached defendant and was grasping him by the arms and wrist. Several shots were then fired and one struck Mr. Dubois, who was fatally injured.

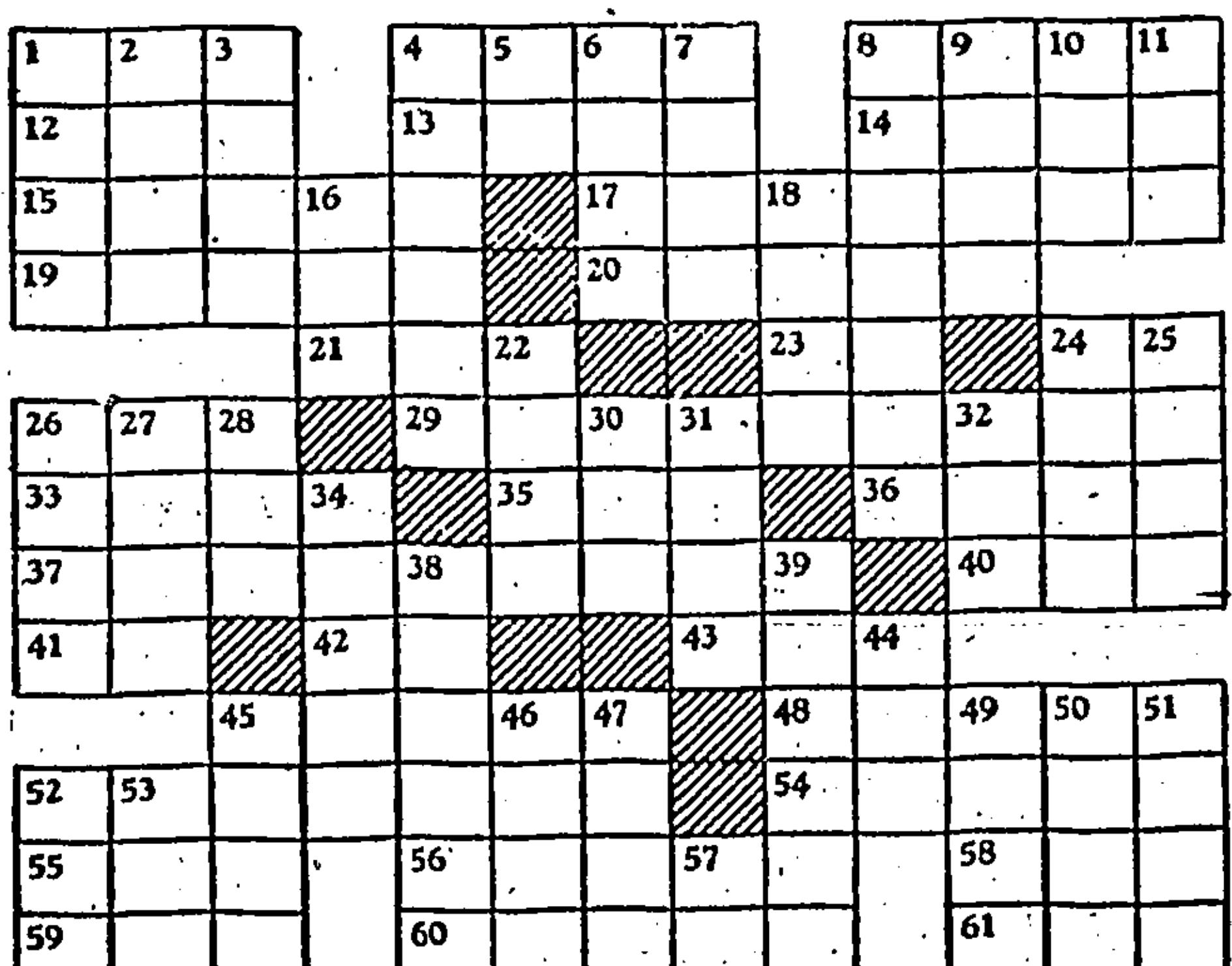
Mr. Dreyery, of the Prison department, attracted by the shots, went into the shop where he disarmed defendant and shortly after Sergeant Clarke arrived and took charge. In his pocket were found the three rings. He was wounded in the palm of the hand.

Mr. Dubois and defendant were taken to hospital but Mr. Dubois died next morning.

On May 27, when formally charged, defendant said he had no intention of killing anyone.

Continuing, Mr. Reynolds said that a photo-micrograph of a test bullet fired from the pistol found on defendant and the bullet extracted from deceased, showed that the bullet which killed Mr. Dubois was fired from the gun taken from defendant.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Chinese pagoda
- 4 Apparel
- 8 To stupefy
- 12 Skill
- 13 Silkworm
- 14 Colloquial: air vehicle
- 15 Domain
- 17 To stretch
- 19 Brazilian drink
- 20 Vapour
- 21 African antelope
- 23 Printer's measure
- 24 Symbol for ruthenium
- 26 Drinking cup
- 29 Treacherous
- 33 Power of mind
- 35 Noise
- 36 Algonquin Indian
- 37 Narratives
- 40 Worm
- 41 Archaic article
- 42 Japanese measure
- 43 Norse goddess
- 45 Embankment

VERTICAL

- 1 To wash lightly
- 52 Blossoms
- 54 To alter
- 55 To be sick
- 56 Moved upward
- 59 Coagulated liquid
- 60 Appears
- 61 A pair
- 48 To extend
- 52 To fasten
- 55 To be sick
- 56 Moved upward
- 59 Coagulated liquid
- 60 Appears
- 61 A pair
- 7 Lure
- 8 Evil
- 9 To abound
- 10 Vase
- 11 To bow
- 16 To fall behind
- 18 To sow
- 22 To release
- 24 Regrets
- 25 Employs
- 26 In another direction
- 27 Pronoun
- 28 Goddess of mischief
- 30 To pose
- 31 Arrow poison
- 32 Crude metal
- 34 To fasten
- 38 Several
- 39 Signal horns
- 44 Edge
- 45 To droop
- 46 Great Lake
- 47 Existence
- 48 Cory homo
- 50 Frozen water crystals
- 51 Taro root
- 52 To dredge
- 53 To recline
- 57 Printer's measure

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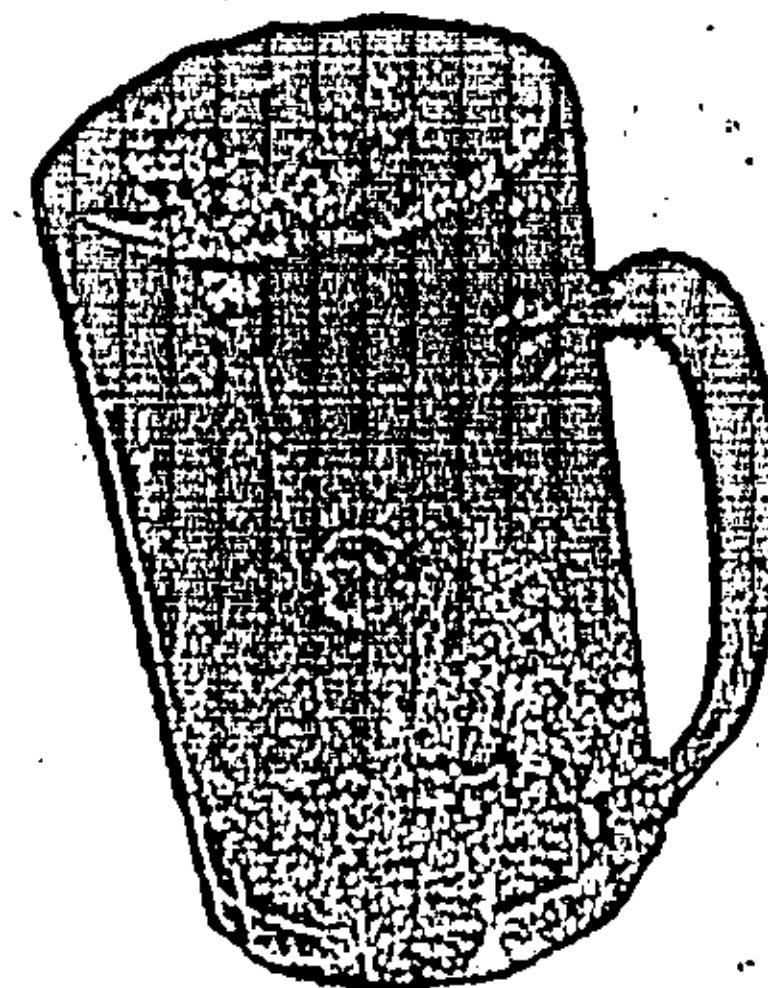
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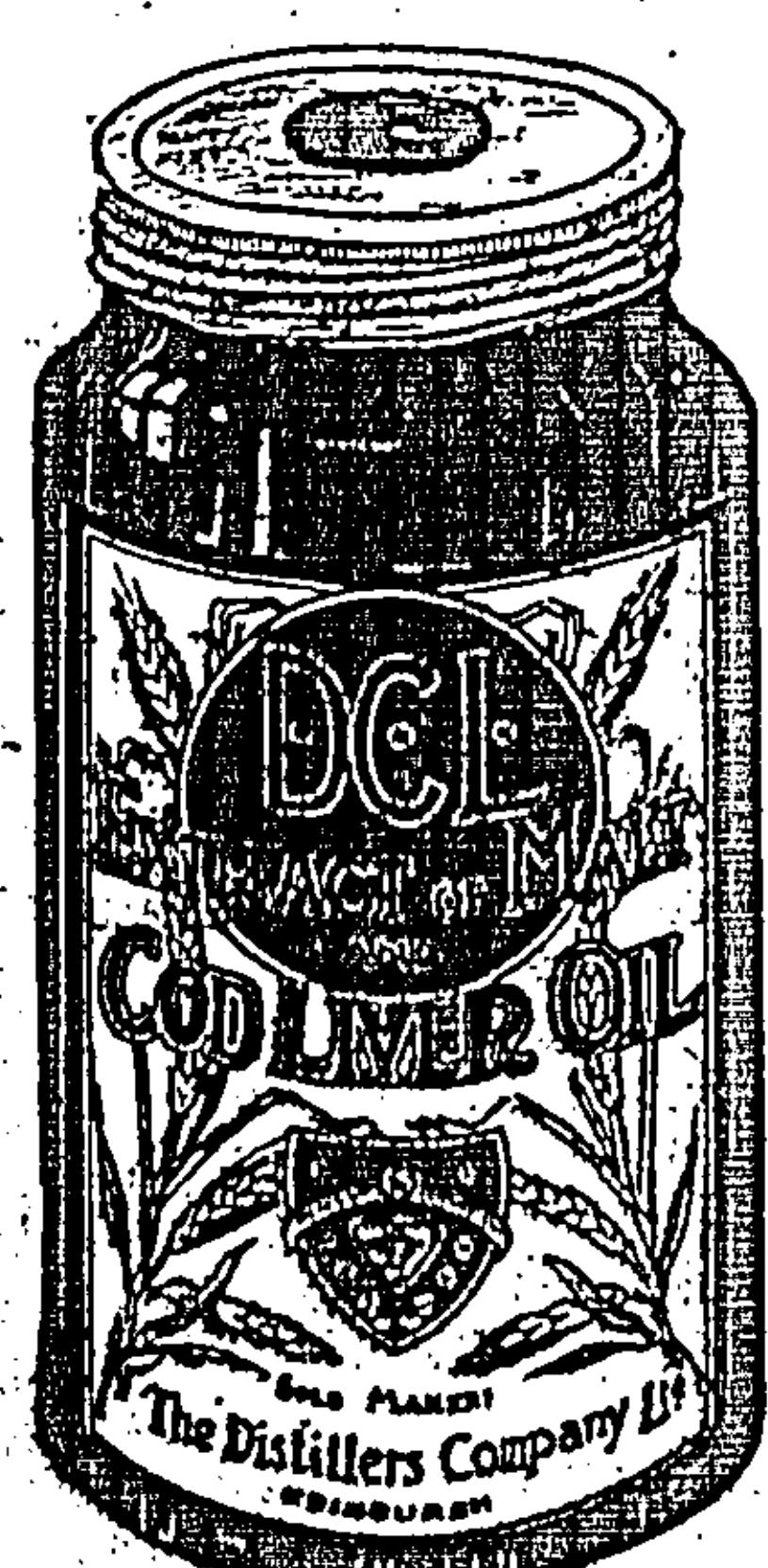
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SIXTEEN QUESTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT ON THE EVACUATION

A request that the Government clarify the position regarding the evacuation of women and children from Hong Kong will be made by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Junior, Unofficial Member, at next Thursday's Legislative Council meeting, when he will ask for frank and full replies to no less than 16 questions he is to pose.

The questions Mr. D'Almada will ask are:

- (1) Was the recent compulsory evacuation of women and children from the Colony at the order of the Home Government or directed by the Hong Kong Government?
- (2) If the former, was the order in terms that only British women and children of pure European descent should be evacuated?
- (3) If the answer to (2) is in the affirmative, did Government draw the attention of the Home Government to the following:

- (a) that there is in the Colony a large number of British women and children who are not of pure European descent?
- (b) the consequent discrimination involved in the said order?
- (4) If the answer to (1) is that the said evacuation was directed by the Hong Kong Government, will Government state its reasons for limiting it as indicated in (2)?
- (5) Is it not a fact that
 - (a) before September 1939 a scheme had been drawn up by a Committee appointed by Government, which scheme provided for the evacuation *inter alia* of women and children who are British Subjects?
 - (b) that the said Committee recommended "selective evacuation" if the available accommodation fell short of requirements and suggested further that a reasonable basis for determining the order of selection would be:
 - (I) Naval and Naval Volunteer families;
 - (II) Military, R.A.F. and H.K.V.D.C. families;
 - (III) Civilian families.

Precedence

- (c) that those to whom the operation of the scheme was entrusted were unequivocally informed that, upon an evacuation, and irrespective of the question of accommodation, the said order of selection or precedence would be observed?
- (d) that before September 1939 personnel had been recruited for the purpose of putting the scheme into operation when the occasion arose?
- (e) that the said scheme was designed to operate at short notice?
- (f) that as regards the recent evacuation there was no question of short notice?

N. CHINA SELLING PLANS

(Special to "China Mail")

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST ASIA EXCHANGE COMPANY IN PEIPING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE COMPANY WILL OPEN AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST.

The company will help in the collection of crops and other food supplies in North China and will set up temporary collecting offices and godowns at various places.

Central selling markets will be established in Tientsin, Peking, Tsingtao and Chefoo, with district markets in nine other cities. — Haynes.

CLEVER BUT NOT CLEVER ENOUGH

Chan Fat, 40, was to-day before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., charged with stealing seven letters, and obtaining money by false pretences, in the Wan-chai district.

A Chinese detective saw him go up the stairs of a house in Wan-chai Road a few days ago, and come down with a letter in his hand. Questioned, he admitted stealing the letter. A hundred other letters were found in defendant's possession.

His trick was to remove the original envelopes on letters which he stole, and address another to the same person. He then delivered the letter and collected 20 or 30 cents as delivery fee.

He was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

SHIP'S CAPTAIN FINED

A Norwegian ship's captain, Karl Annanias, was fined £10 at South Shields for having landed from his ship without permission of the immigration authority.

policy in regard to evacuation?

(16) If so, will Government make a full and frank statement with regard thereto?

HITLER HAS HIS HANDS FULL WITH CONQUERED STATES

ADOLF HITLER rapidly is getting to the point where he should have his hands full. It is difficult to see how he can envisage any effective move, economic or otherwise, against the Americas, in the near future.

Consider these figures: Hitler has taken over nine countries during the past year. They have a combined population of more than 100,000,000 people and an area of more than 500,000 square miles.

If Britain should be added to the list the combined population of conquered nations would be more than 146,000,000 and the total land area nearly 600,000 square miles.

Should any of the colonial possessions of Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, or the other conquered powers, be added to this vast total the German problem would appear almost beyond solution.

TREMENDOUS TASK

The German population on which Hitler can depend is probably not more than 80,000,000.

This means that 80,000,000 Germans must undertake to keep conquered populations totaling more than 100,000,000 in line. The number may run as high as 150,000,000.

The task would be tremendous since it would involve one of the greatest if not the greatest policing operation in all history, the feeding of millions of homeless persons; a reorganization of the economic life of all the conquered powers and vast problems of reconstruction of war-torn areas. Italy, of course, would be of some assistance to the Germans but its resources are not great.

CHINA PARALLEL

A parallel might be drawn by recalling what Japan has found in China. The Japanese Empire has a dependable population of about 80,000,000, about the same are against them.

as Germany. That population has undertaken to conquer and administer China with a population of some 300,000,000. So far, after nearly three years of war, Japan has not succeeded because of the sheer numbers of the Chinese. Long lines of communication, the necessity of spreading their forces over tremendous areas, economic dislocations and financial problems have brought the Japanese to a point where they are tiring of end their conflict in some kind of a compromise.

Hitler's European coast line now is more than 3,000 miles long. All of it must be defended so long as the British fleet is intact. This means a tremendous number of coastal defence points all manned and furnished with guns.

The destruction of property in France, Belgium, Holland and Norway has been large. In the interest of pacification of the populations, and a restoration of liveable conditions, repairs must be started at an early date.

The economic problem which the Germans face also is great. Many of the conquered countries lived largely on foreign trade—a trade which cannot be restored for years. This problem will be the more difficult now because the economy of Germany itself was none too strong when the war started.

Admitting Germany's genius for organisation and military administration, it is still difficult to see how the Germans can expand much farther in the rear future. Numbers and geography

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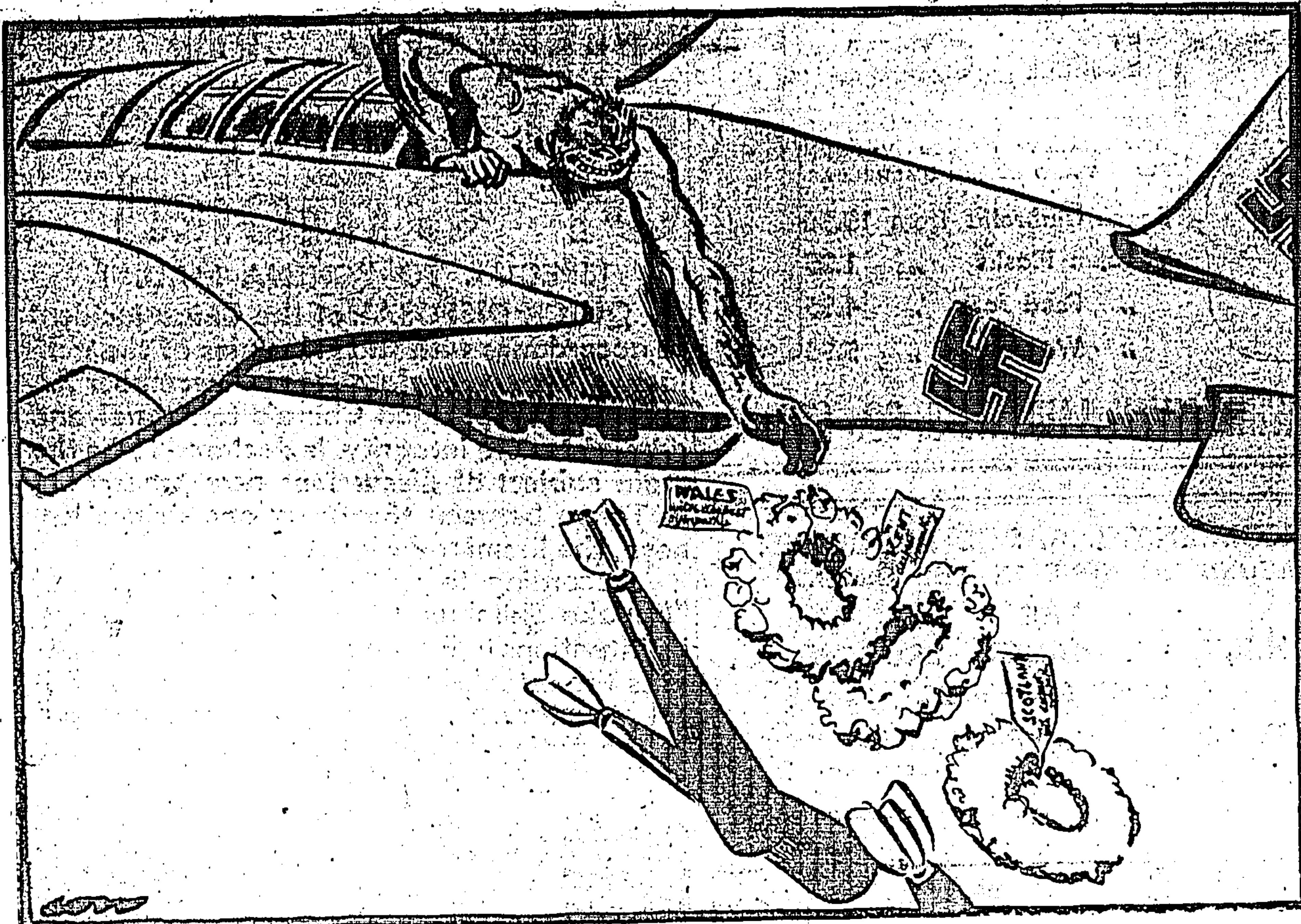
WINDSOR HOUSE

BRITAIN'S TASK

Britain's immediate strategy in the battle now to be joined must perform a preliminary campaign of defence, to gain time for the potentiality of attack to be created. It is not the happiest position but there are many factors to leave us well content. In his recent broadcast, Mr. Churchill estimated the prospects of an invasion of England, and set against the enemy's new advantage of ports and aerodromes from which to launch it certain substantial factors that did not operate for us in the last War. During that struggle we had denuded this country of troops, and relied almost entirely on the Navy for home defence. To-day we have our main military force within our own shores. The expeditionary force has returned from France; we have large and highly trained contingents from the Dominions among us; in all there are a million and a quarter men under arms in the British Isles, besides the Local Defence Volunteers. To launch against these an invading army of even five divisions would require two or three hundred ships, which would have to run the gauntlet of the Royal Navy, unprotected by anything approaching the maritime strength of the Kaiser's Germany, though that never justified him in risking an invasion.

The ascendancy of our air-men over their adversaries has been one of the most indisputable facts proved in action during the past months; our relative strength stands higher now than at any time since the outbreak of war, and is steadily improving.

Fighting on the defensive over our own country, we shall be able to bring to bear a much larger proportion of that strength than we ever did in France. Nor need our tactics be wholly defensive; the power of the Royal Air Force to strike hard at military objectives in Germany has been abundantly demonstrated. No doubt the struggle for mastery in the air will dominate the whole war for the remainder of this summer. We have to face the fact that we still fight against heavy odds. But in no department of war is it more certain that every day of successful defence means definite progress towards, first, material equality, then superiority, and at last complete victory.



ON THE WINGS OF THE DOVE

Waiting For The Next Act

While we wait for the opening of the next act, let us draw breath for a moment and consider the stupendous course of events which in nine months has wrecked Europe; we have known and brought the tide of barbarism to our shores. It has its external and its internal history, and neither can be understood without the other.

At the beginning the map of Europe with its firmly marked boundaries still looked secure, and by going out of his way to conclude pacts of friendship and non-aggression with his smaller neighbours, Hitler created the illusion that he would respect their neutrality. The Allies still thought of them as a series of buffer States standing between him and them which he would not venture to invade, or which, if he did invade them, would oppose him sufficiently to weaken and perhaps exhaust his power.

All had proclaimed their determination to defend their independence by whichever belligerent it might be threatened, and in speaking of their neutrality had insisted that it was absolutely impartial between the great combatants. This placed France and Britain in a serious dilemma. They could not approach neutral governments with a view to concerted action for their defence without giving Hitler the excuse he wanted to attack them, and reflecting on their own honesty in professing to stand for the freedom and independence of all the nations.

THE DUPED NEUTRALS

Up to the last moment most of the smaller Powers were still convinced that Hitler would abide by his pacts and that they stood in no need of assistance from his enemies. Then the truth burst upon them. He had really meant what he said when he wrote in his book that boundaries had no sanctity for him and his tribe. By practising this doctrine ruthlessly and unscrupulously, he caught the small Powers off their guard, with none but the most hastily improvised plans for their own defence, and scarcely any for joint action with one another or with the Allies. The latter came chivalrously to their aid and by so doing involved their own forces in a hopeless resistance.

France, having lost a large part of her own army and that of her Ally in the Flanders trap, was now exposed to the full blast of a greatly superior German force.

These are the external facts, but they gain a new meaning if we read them in the context of the immense moral and intellectual confusion which accompanied them. The Nazi doctrine had eaten into the vitals of a large number of the smaller nations. Men in high positions in Norway, Holland, and Belgium had been

captured by the idea of a new way of life in which they would no longer be citizens of small States at the mercy of their greater neighbours, or of democratic politicians in their own country, but share the pride and glory of a triumphant Nordic race.

The "Quislings" were wrongly interpreted as common spies and traitors; they were men holding key positions in their own countries, fanatical believers in the Nordic doctrine and prepared to act on it when the sign came from the leader in Berlin.

THE CHOICE FOR US

"The whole Hellenic world," says the Greek historian in describing the war between Athens and Sparta, "was convulsed, since in each State the leaders of the democratic parties were at

variance with the oligarchs, the former seeking to bring in the Athenians, the latter the Spartans.

In time of peace they would have had no pretext for asking for their intervention, or any inclination to do so, yet now that these two States were at war, any

faction which desired a revolution found it easy to bring in allies for the discomfiture of its opponents and the strengthening of its own."

There were thus ruthless civil wars going on in the different city States side by side with the external war between the two great antagonists, Sparta and Athens.

The state of Europe to-day has a fearful resemblance to this picture. Here, too, in many countries there have been civil wars going on simultaneously with the Great War, wars raising fundamental ideas between which we have to make our choice. What are these ideas? What is it that we here in "our finest hour," as Mr. Churchill finely calls it, have to defend even single-handed, and what is it that we shall be resisting?

We shall be resisting anarchy. The Nazis call it "order" — the "totalitarian order" which they threaten to impose on France. It is "order as in Warsaw," order which tramples on peaceful and well-established centres of Government and civilisation, with their roots in history and tradition, which draws a trail of ruin and famine over Europe and in the end offers the "hegemony" of Berlin; the rule of Gestapo and Concentration Camp, the extreme service he can render.

Equally it is incumbent on the civilian not to be a casualty if he can possibly avoid it. That is something more than a negative task. It means constant overhauling of air-raid shelters and other precautions taken at home, as well as rigid abstinence from the temptation of going into the open to watch battles in the air after the sirens have sounded. It was reported last week that in spite of all the warnings on this subject, large numbers had "watched breathlessly and applauded loudly" when enemy aeroplanes were brought down, and that some of them had been injured by shrapnel. This should be branded as uncitizenlike conduct. Let anyone who is tempted to it remember that each casualty requires on the average the attention of three other persons, possibly for weeks or even months, and is to that extent a drain on the national resources.

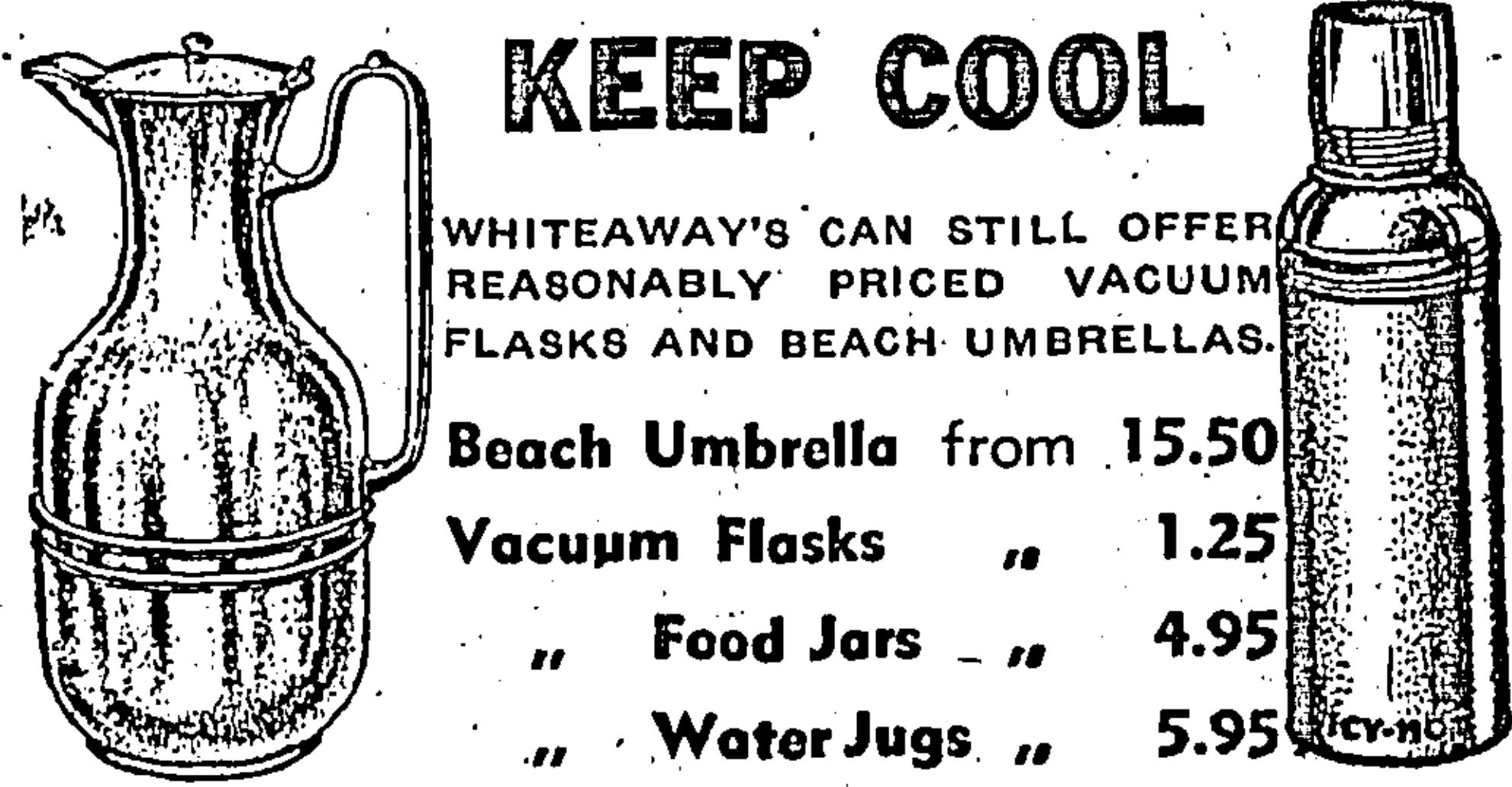
MEASURABLE RISKS

We have fair evidence that, if the proper precautions are taken, the loss of life from air-raids can be reduced far below the level thought possible a few years ago or even last year. But the uneasy thought remains that we may be the next victim, that the next blow may fall on us. So it may. We may be struck by lightning, we may be run over in the streets — a liability which in Madrid during two years of bombing proved far more dangerous than that of being killed by bombs. There are no certainties. But we must, so to speak, absorb these risks, as we do the other familiar risks, into our system, and having taken all reasonable precautions, keep them in the background of our thoughts.

But the greatest of all the correctives to fear is the sense of duty to fulfil and daily tasks to perform. The undivided, upon whom time hangs and who have leisure to think and to brood and to fear, are least of all to be envied in these days. The vast majority, men and women, are happy in having their duties imposed on them, whether it is to carry on their daily business, to spend themselves in the factories, to nurse the sick and wounded, to join in plans for mutual aid in the city or village, or just to keep the home going, to see that children are cared for and fed, to perform the teacher's part day by day in the schoolroom.

All these, by simply doing the tasks that lie before them, will find that they have gone far to cast out fear. There remain the old and infirm, for whom there may seem to be nothing but to look on. But "they also serve who only stand and wait," and it is in their power to offer examples of courage and steadfastness which may be a high service.

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Moves In Japan For Service Control Of Official Policy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

QUICK DISPOSAL of the China incident in accordance with the principles of the well-known Konoye declaration on December 22, 1938, which pledged China's territorial and administrative integrity, is declared to be the main subject of discussions now proceeding in Tokyo between the Army and Prince Konoye, the Premier-designate.

According to the usually well-informed "Miyako Shimbun," the Army has outlined its intentions to Prince Konoye and said it desires the establishment of a new home political structure, formation of a Japanese supreme national defence body and alteration of Japan's foreign policy.

GERMANS HIDE BOMB HAVOC

The Nazis are taking great pains to conceal from the outside world the effects of British bombing. A brief despatch sent from Hanover stated, however, that the suburb of Misburg, the site of the Farben industries synthetic petrol plant, was bombed and added:

"The police said the plant had been damaged badly. Smoke was still rising from the plant at noon as a result of the morning raids. "The great motor highway skirting Hanover was closed over a 10-mile stretch. A guard said the road had been closed because an unexploded bomb had dropped on it."

If the guard told the truth, the authorities evidently think that the bomb had terrific explosive possibilities.

In the European programme of the Columbia broadcasting system the speaker in Berlin made no reference to British raids on Germany. The speaker in London devoted most of his time to the Nazi raid on England.

CHINA BUYS FLOUR

China has bought two cargoes of flour in Sydney and is inquiring for more. Australian crop prospects are deteriorating, says Reuter.

The new Cabinet is expected, according to the "Miyako," "to be closely associated with Army Headquarters so that the gap between the policies of the Army and Government may be bridged."

The influential "Nichil-Nichil," in an editorial on the same subject, declares a new organ may be created for co-ordinating civil and military affairs. Such a body may be composed of the Premier and the Chiefs of the Army and Navy General Staffs.

The newspaper adds Prince Konoye's selection as Premier was the best means of avoiding eventual friction in the Government itself regarding domestic and international issues.

Even business circles, though uncertain in so far as the impending new political structure is concerned, believe that stability can be achieved only with Prince Konoye at the helm, the paper concludes.

The "Japan Times" states that Japan's non-involvement policy as regards the European war was discussed by the Premier during conversations immediately following his nomination.

Enlarging on the scope of the Premier's powers, as well as the possibility of strengthening the ties between Japan and Germany, was also discussed.

Most important problem, however, the "Japan Times" adds, is the eliminating of all possible friction between the Government and Army.

Other Tokyo newspapers concur with this statement, emphasising that no Cabinet can be strong today in Japan "without the active support and full understanding of the fighting services."—Reuter.

COASTGUARD ARREST GERMANS

Before dawn two local auxiliary coastguard patrols in England saw an aircraft, obviously in difficulties, off the coast. Flames were issuing from one of its engines, and it crashed in shallow water close to the beach. The coastguard men gave the alarm and ran to the beach. They intercepted the crew of the aircraft, a Geltman Heinkel bomber, as they swam and waded ashore with the help of their rubber dinghy.

It seemed at first that the crew of the Heinkel, consisting of four men, would show fight. The auxiliary coastguard men thereupon covered the Germans with their firearms, while one of their number gave another alarm. Thereupon the Germans shouted and surrendered to the auxiliary coastguard men. They were searched and disarmed and detained until the arrival of the military, who hastened to the scene on receipt of the alarm signal, which had been passed on by the nearest coastguard station.

These local patrols consist of auxiliary coastguard men, who have been recently enrolled from local men to keep a watch at various points on the coast to back up the existing regular coastguard service, and are analogous to the Local Defence Volunteer Service.

AMERICA'S COLOSSAL GOLD HOARD

Underwriters in New York reported that three billion dollars worth of gold has been moved to the United States from Europe since the start of the war, much of it under convoy of warships.

They said the Germans overlooked four and one-half million dollars in gold aboard the liner *Mormac Sea* when the Nazis seized the French port where she was docked. — Associated Press.

B.W.O.F.

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RECONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE

A report from Vichy yesterday said a meeting of French Ministers decided on various plans for reconstruction. The Government will finance reconstruction work, railway materials, repair of railway lines and so on. Work on restoring damaged buildings will be started at once.—Reuter.

U.S. PURCHASE IN CHINA

It was reported in London yesterday that the United States Government has bought 6,000 tons of antimony and an undisclosed quantity of wolfram from the Chinese Government.—Reuter.

AMERICAN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Americans in Britain have collected £100,000 for Red Cross work. The American Red Cross expects to have 200 ambulances in the near future for the aid of civilians in air raids in Britain.—Reuter.

TORONTO'S TANK OFFER

The Canadian Government has accepted the offer of Toronto Corporation to raise £200,000 by public subscription for the purchase of tanks.

GERMAN WARSHIPS BOMBED AT ANCHOR AT WILHELMHAVEN

TEN BOMBS IN RESIDENTIAL AREA IN N.W.

During isolated air raids on Britain yesterday a bomber flew low over a town in north-west England and dropped 10 bombs.

It is unofficially reported that some adults were killed and injured when a densely populated part of the town suffered damage to houses and a school was wrecked.

This area has been many times raided in the past three weeks but few people have been killed.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIRMEN CAPTURED

A Local Defence Volunteer captured the crew of a Dornier brought down in south-east England yesterday, and his son, a Royal Army Medical Corps private, then attended to the injured pilot and navigator.

The Volunteer was Captain Phillips, who served in the Air Force in the last war. He described how after seeing the enemy bomber shot down by fighters he hurriedly put on his L.D.V. armband, drew his revolver and ran across two fields to where the Dornier was lying.

He found that two of the crew who were injured had been pulled clear by the third German airman. The men offered no resistance when he disarmed them.

After his son attended to their injuries, a military detachment arrived and took them away.—Reuter.

CONTROL OF GLUCOSE

The Minister of Food has made two orders establishing control over the manufacture, import and sale of glucose.

SILENT SERVICE

Now, multifold; let Britain's patient power
Be proven within us for the world to see.
None are exempt from service in this hour;
And vanquished in ourselves we dare not be.
Now, for a sunlit future, we can show
The clenched resolved endurance that defies
Daemons in dark,—and toward that future go
With earth's defended freedom in our eyes.
In every separate soul let courage shine—
A kneeling angel holding faith's front-line.
SIEGFRIED SASSOON.

DURING SATURDAY night a force of R.A.F. bombers attacked the enemy base at Wilhelmshaven, says an Air Ministry communiqué in London last night.

In the face of violent opposition our aircraft penetrated to their objectives and bombed the dockyard.

Our aircraft also bombed oil refineries at Hamburg and Bremen, and shipping in the harbour of Emden.

TRYING TO GET FRANCE GOING AGAIN

According to the Radio Toulouse yesterday, the boards of private firms, banks, stock exchange firms and insurance companies are invited to return to Paris.

It is stated steps have already been taken for the restoration of the economic life of France, including the cessation of the moratorium.

The Finance Minister, M. Bau-doin, is going to Paris to-day. He is empowered by decree to make advances to business firms to enable them to resume operations.—Reuter.

FLYING FALSE COLOURS

The German raider in the Atlantic which sank the British merchant ship King John near the West Indies flew the Swedish flag, according to survivors who have now reached the Leeward Islands.

She began shelling the King John immediately she came in sight, and only stopped when the crew took to the boats.

The captain, chief engineer and several wounded men were taken prisoner.

The rest spent two days in life-boats before reaching land.

The raider, which is believed to be a converted merchant ship, also sank the British steamer Davision.—Reuter.

THREE RAIDS ON MALTA

THERE WERE THREE AIR RAIDS ON MALTA YESTERDAY MORNING. BOMBS WERE DROPPED "BUT THERE WAS NO DAMAGE AND NO CASUALTIES."

One enemy machine was brought down in the sea by A.A. fire and another was almost certainly destroyed by a British machine.—Reuter.

Other military objectives attacked included aircraft factories and oil depots in central Germany, in the Ruhr, in Holland and Belgium. Five of our bombers were lost in these operations.

Daylight operations included attacks on a wireless station near Stavanger and the aerodrome at Flushing.

Two of our reconnaissance aircraft failed to return. Four in all of our fighters are missing as a result of these engagements.

Fuller details of these devastating attacks were given by the Air Ministry news service.

Cripple Gets Home

One of our planes was stated to have got home safely after these raids, which covered naval dockyards in and other targets in north-west Germany, though its wings were torn and the rudder and both air screws damaged by shell splinters.

The aircraft was one of the raiding force which attacked the dockyard at Wilhelmshaven. None of the crew was injured but the navigator found shrapnel in his flying suit.

Another aircraft over Wilhelmshaven came down so low to attack warships at anchor that it nearly struck a church steeple.

At Bremen, bombs burst along the docks and several fires were started.

Two supply ships were bombed at sea, and one badly damaged.

AIR Factories Bombed

On the return journey one bomber was attacked by three enemy fighters. One was shot down in flames, another disabled.

Besides raids on naval dockyards, further attacks on aircraft factories at Wenzesdorf, near Hamburg, and Wismar, on the Baltic coast, were made.

In the attack on the Wismar factory, buildings were hit.

Several attacks were made on the aerodrome at Eschwege. Explosions occurred inside one hanger which burned fiercely. At Hamburg, many fires were started, and one observer reported an enormous blaze visible 40 miles from the target area.

At Gelsenkirchen one salvo of bombs resulted in a big explosion followed by a series of fires which grew in intensity.—Reuter.

BOMB HITS HOTEL

A small hotel in a north-east town in England was hit by a bomb yesterday, while more bombs were dropped in Wales on a park and a refuse dump.

Raiders bombed a south-west coast town, but were driven off by our fighters. There were some casualties.

One lone raider bombed a north-west of England town, dropping two salvos of five bombs each.—Reuter.

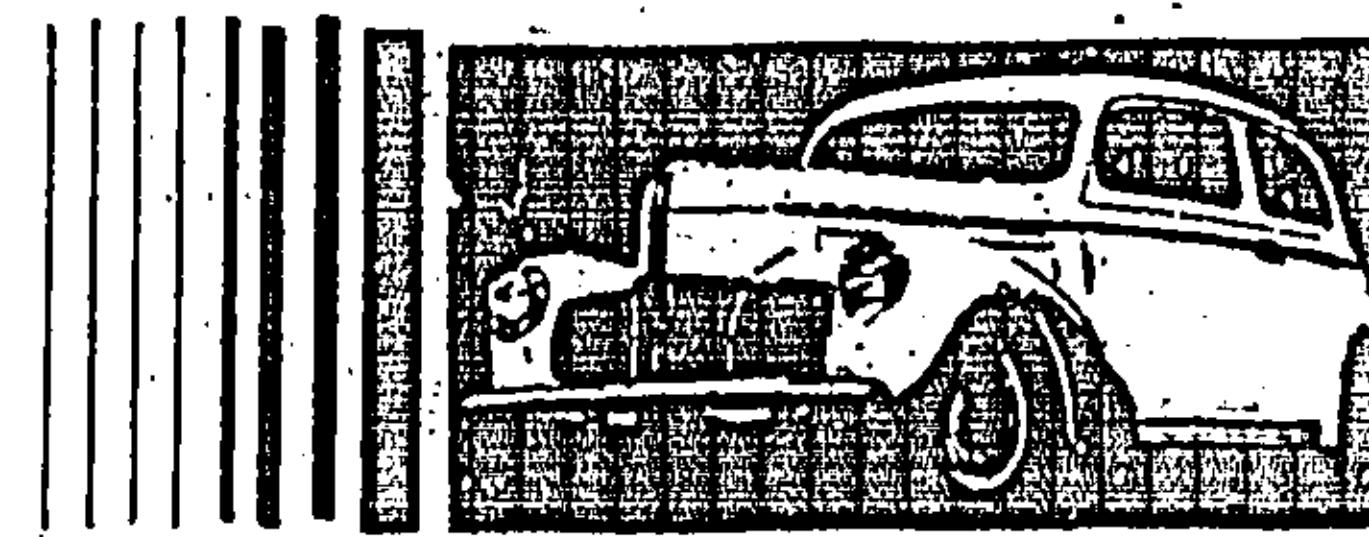
"SYDNEY'S" FEAT APPLAUSED

The achievement of the cruiser Sydney in sinking the Bartolomeo Colleoni was referred to by the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in Canberra yesterday. Mr. Menzies said: "Australia congratulates the crew on their fine action. It is an augury of the fate of the Italian fleet if it comes out."—Reuter.

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W. F. SIMMONS,
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Hong Kong, 22nd July, 1940.

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WINNING CONTRACT

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A BIDDING PROBLEM

"Will you tell me your opinion," asks W. A. Strass, of Baltimore, "as to the proper bidding of this hand?"

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♦ A 8 7 6 2	N	♦ Q J 9 5
♥ 10 9	W	8 3
♦ Q J 10 9	S	♦ 7 2
8 3	—	♦ 4
— ♦ K 10		
— ♦ Q 3 2		
— ♦ A K Q J 10 9 8 3		

It's difficult to give "normal" bidding for so freakish a hand, but we think the following bidding is most expert:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♦	2♦	2♠
4♣	4♦	6♦	6♦
Pass	Pass	7♦	Pass
Pass	7♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

North's immediate cue-bid in diamonds is a slim invitation, and South's jump to four clubs shows that the suit is absolutely solid. North then knows that a Grand Slam can be made at clubs, but he also knows that the opponents will surely sacrifice at seven spades. He should therefore bid only six clubs. If all pass, a bigger profit will be made than by defeating a seven-spade sacrifice; if the opponents sacrifice at six spades, North can then go to seven clubs with fair prospects of being allowed to play that contract.

After North's apparently reluctant bid of seven clubs, East must pass in the hope that his partner has a sure defensive trick. West, however, should realize that the spade Ace is worthless on defence and should bid seven spades as a sort of insurance policy. From his point of view it's better to take a sure but small set than to risk letting the opponents score a vulnerable Grand Slam.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents. You held:

♦ A K 7 4		
♦ A K 6 4		
♦ 7 6 5 2		

The bidding:

Jacoby	Hastings	Ten	Molar
1♦	1♦	2♦	2♦
4♣	4♦	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid six clubs. The bidding assures you that a Grand Slam can be made at clubs, but you must expect a sacrifice in spades. Restraint at this point may induce the opponents to allow you to play at seven clubs on the theory that you may be "over your head." A cue-bid would be bad, since that would help persuade the opponents to sacrifice at seven spades if necessary. (This hand is discussed to-day.)

Score 100% for six clubs, 60% for seven clubs.

QUESTION NO. 468

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner, and with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♦ 5		
♦ K 10 8 6 3		
♦ 7 3		
♦ K 10 8 5 2		

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schocken
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

to-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

OBJECTORS' CORPS

It is understood that it is intended to form a new non-combatant corps in England to which conscientious objectors will be posted. They will be employed in passive air defence, anti-gas measures, decontamination work and cooking and clerical duties.

The construction and maintenance of hospitals, barracks, camps and railways, and general duties not involving the handling of firearms or other offensive military equipment, will be assigned to the corps.

Training will be supervised by officers and N.C.O.s of the recently formed Pioneer Corps.

CHINHAI FIGHTING

Early yesterday morning six Japanese warships steamed into the harbour at Santiao on the east Fukien coast and laid a barrage to cover the landing of marines, according to a dispatch from Foochow.

Several Japanese planes meanwhile circled over the harbour and dumped bombs.

Brisk fire was exchanged until noon when the Japanese were forced to retire leaving about 100 dead on the beach. The Japanese warships left harbour towards evening.

Reports from Kinshwa, Chekiang, state that the Chinese are continuing their operations at Chinhai with increased vigour. Japanese forces at Chingting (Green Mud Cliff), east of Chinhai, suffered heavily.

Eight more Japanese warships arrived off Chinhai yesterday morning but took no action. Fresh Chinese reinforcements have been rushed to Chinhai in an attempt to evict the enemy. Sanguinary street fighting continued yesterday in the city of Siaoshan on the south bank of the Chientang River, opposite Hangchow. Daring Chinese units broke into the city by the south gate on the previous day.

According to a report from Kiangsi, a Japanese transport

with a cargo of military supplies steaming up the Yangtze River from Nanking was sunk by Chinese artillery fire at a point west of Wuhu on July 16. The Japanese steam boats were also sunk by Chinese shore batteries near Kiukiang on the previous day.

In a chance encounter at a point between Fenghsin and Anyi, respectively 23 miles west and 20 miles northwest of Nanchang, on July 19 a Japanese unit was routed, suffering 200 casualties and losing two mountain guns, eight heavy and light machine-guns and about 100 rifles.

In north Hunan Chinese troops made a night attack at Lukow between Yoyang (Yochow) and Lin-siang on July 20. Besides inflicting casualties upon the enemy, the Chinese damaged a large section of the Canton-Hankow Railway track. Traffic on the line was disrupted. —Central News.



The perfect Hostess is she who listens and laughs no matter how boring a would-be humorous conversation.

EIRE TO ADMIT OUR TROOPS IF ATTACKED

IT IS REPORTED IN DUBLIN THAT AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED UNDER WHICH BRITISH TROOPS WILL BE PERMITTED TO CROSS THE EIRE FRONTIER IN EVENT OF AN ATTACK BY A HOSTILE POWER.

Belfast reports several days ago said that Southern Ireland, or Eire, a sovereign state, had rejected proposals from Northern Ireland, or British Ulster, for joint defence of the country against a foreign attack.

It was said that the proposition was turned down by Eamon de Valera, prime minister of Eire. —Associated Press.

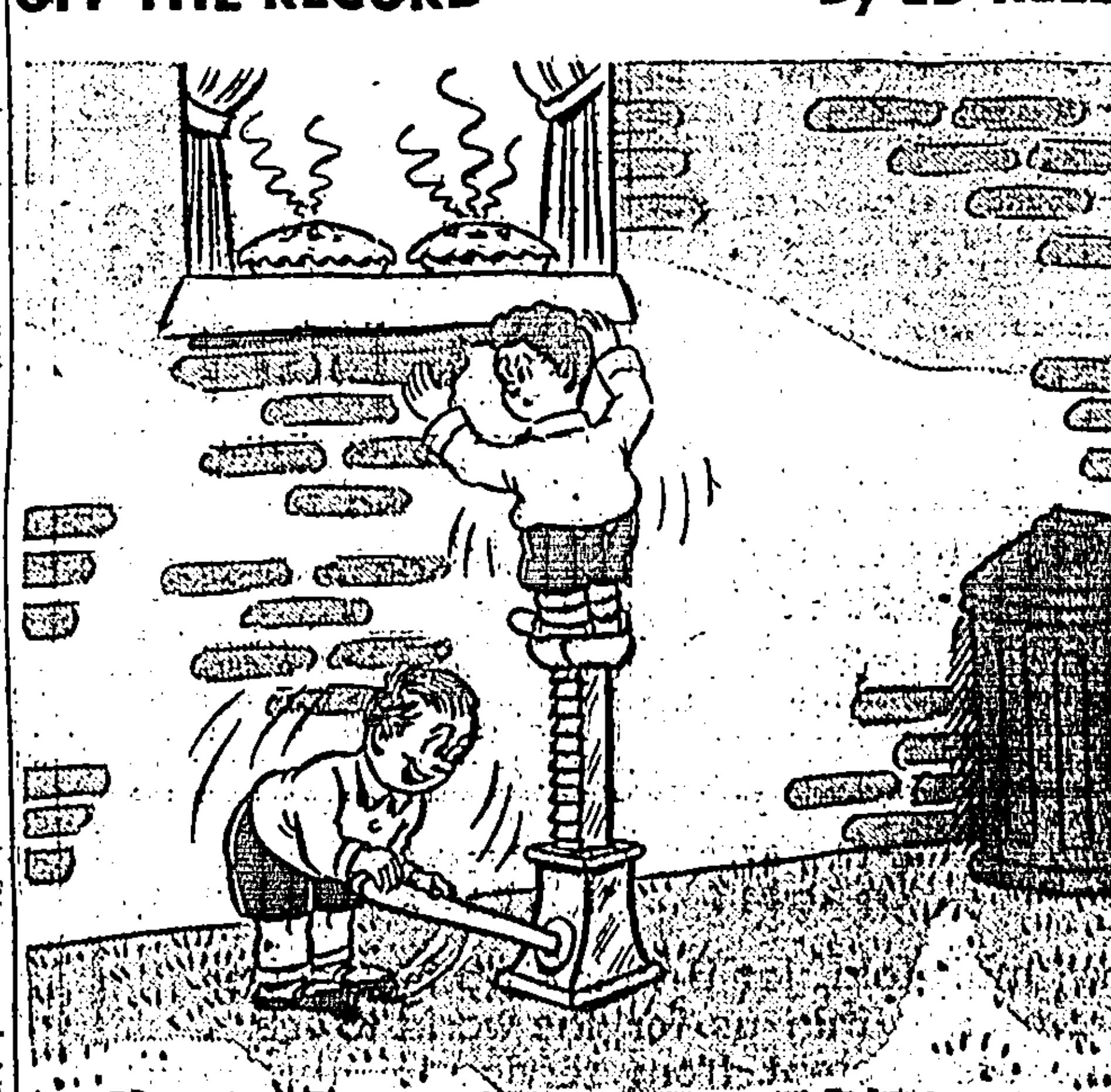
BOATMEN IN MINEFIELD AREA

Warning three Chinese boatmen that they will not be given the option of a fine the next time Commander J. Jolly, Deputy Harbour Master, fined them each \$15, or 14 days' imprisonment this morning in the Marine Court for anchoring in the Tat Hong Channel Minefield at 2 a.m. yesterday.

Before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon, they were charged with robbery, and remanded for three days.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

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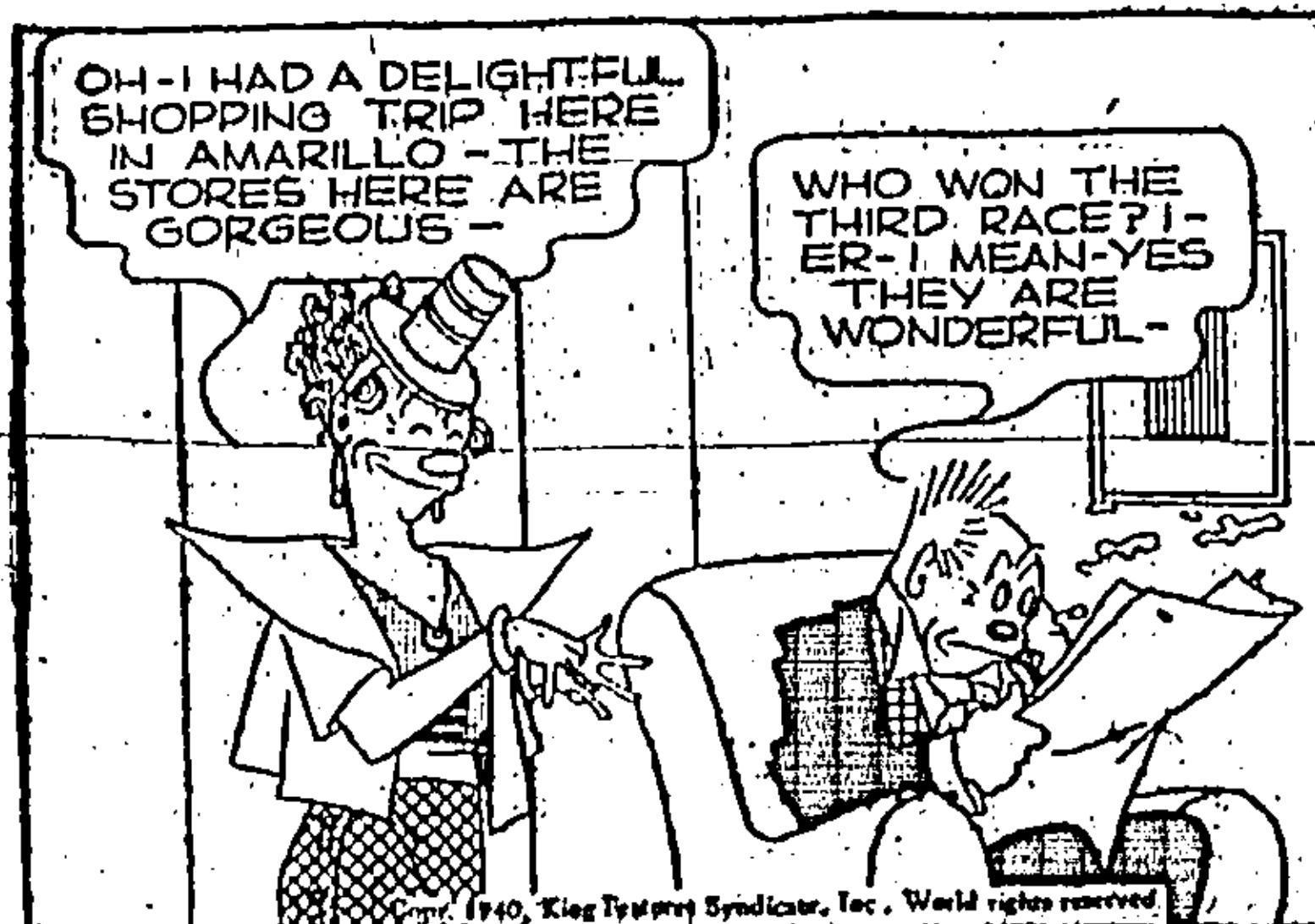
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Good Grooming Habits



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CASUAL OR SLOPPY?

To most be difficult to determine just when casualness of manner, dress and grooming ends, and when sloppiness begins. But there is a definite borderline—and she who steps over it is never among the popular girls of her group!

It is perfectly natural to want to be comfortable in easy clothes at school, and to wear one's hair simply, and to go without make-up. You are young, you are care-free, you want to be healthy. All well and good. But if your casual easy clothes are unclean with perspiration or food spots, and if your hair is untidy and in need of a shampoo, and if your skin is blemished through indifferent menus — then you have stepped

over the border and through beeness to skin care and corrective over the border and through be-

ing indifferent to the necessary details of good grooming you sacrificed your right to popularity.

REMEMBER THESE THINGS

The girls who are truly the leaders are usually meticulous in their personal grooming. They may brag about their indifference, but behind the scenes you will find them caring for their skin, brushing their hair, keeping their clothes in good order, and taking every precaution that no day will find their personal daintiness in question. They cherish the knowledge that proper menus keep skin clean, that sleep is required for developing beauty and certain beauty aids are necessary — even for the blessed young!

No girl should be without these aids. Her beauty, health and happiness will depend greatly upon them. No luxuries are included (other than perfume) and as many may be added as the individual desires:

Brush, comb, mirror
Three tooth brushes and cleaner
Small bottle of antiseptic
Pure cleansing cream and face tissues

Weather protective cream—to serve all months
Hand lotion and manicure aids (also used for feet)

Good lathering soap for type of water
Deodorant or anti-perspirant
Tweezers

Powder to match skin tone and lipstick (rough if desired)
Cologne or perfume of good quality

Several powder puffs (to be shampood frequently)

Hand brush or bath brush

Reliable shampoo (tonic if hair needs it)

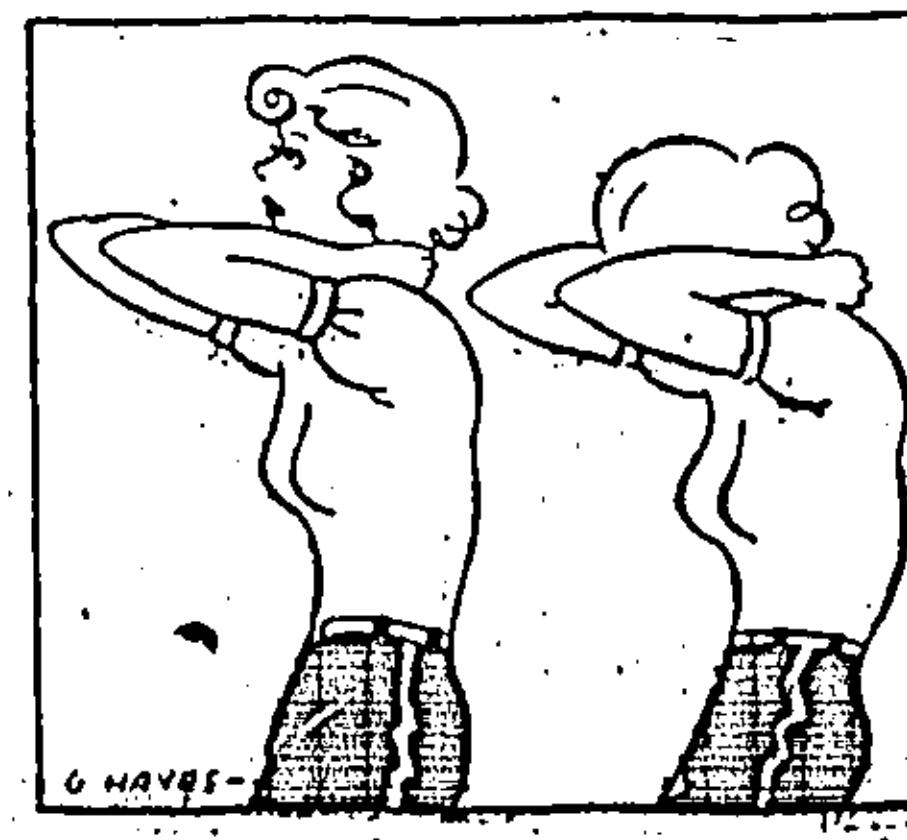
$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen rough turkish face cloths (washed often)

Razor or depilatory

Every girl knows which handbag accessories she needs such as a small comb, powder compact,

eye cosmetics. Those are for parties and week-ends.

Pressure Exercises



Slowly raising your head against the pressure of clasped hands stretches neck cords and relieves work aches!

per chest. Clasp your hands firmly across the back of your neck and slowly raise your head to its natural position, against the pressure of your clasped hands. You will find that your arms and elbows stay in their original position, and you will feel a complete relaxing of muscles to the very end of your spine.

Repeat five to ten times.

Next, bend your neck backwards as far as you can, keeping in good posture—spine straight. Place one hand upon the other beneath the chin on your neck and hold them firmly as you raise your head to its natural position. This by the way is excellent for firming the throat muscles and banishing "pouching" cheeks. Repeat five to ten times.

THEN MASSAGE

After you have gone through these good neck exercises, massage your neck and back (as far as you can reach), with a bit of warm almond oil and lie down for a few minutes. You will be amazed at the relief you will get from the pains which were troubling you.

TRY THESE—MEN AND WOMEN.

Drop your head down toward your right shoulder, eyes looking straight ahead. Place your left hand at the left side of your face, palm resting on ear, fingers on temple. Now lift your head to natural position against the pressure of your left hand, keeping your left arm and elbow raised high and back even with shoulder line.

If you are doing the movement correctly, you will feel a pull of your neck and spine muscles clean down below your shoulder blades. Then reverse the exercise, dropping your head to your left shoulder and placing your right hand on the right side of your face.

Repeat right and left-side movement, ten times.

FORWARD AND BACKWARD

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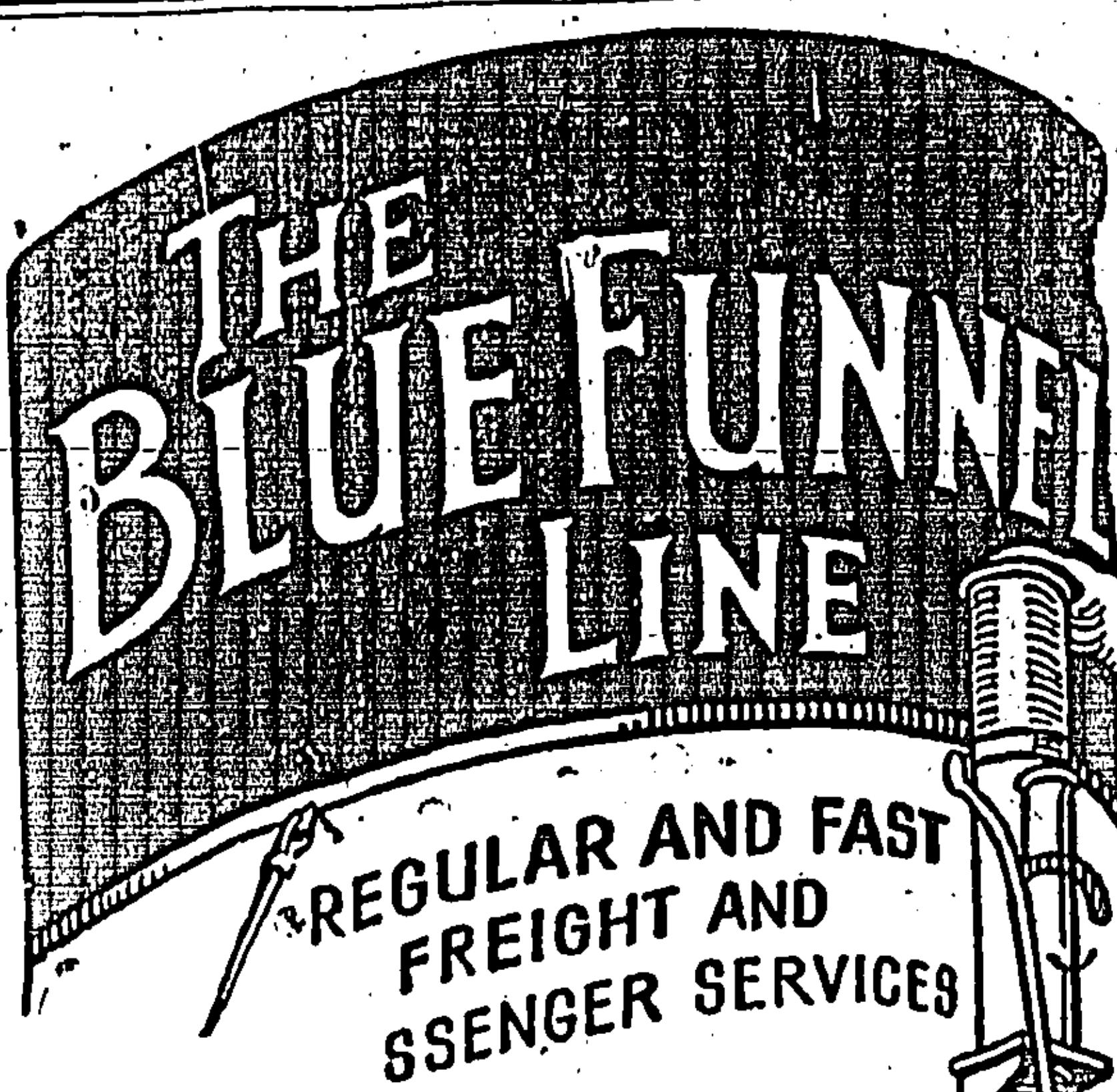
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China Lights (Old) \$6.80 s.
I.K. Electrics (Old) \$30 1/2 sa.
Telephones (Old) \$21 1/2 b.

STORES, &c.
Watsons \$8 1/4 b.
LAST DAY'S SALES
1000 Hotels @ \$3.70
100 Lands @ \$31
100 Trams @ \$15.10
100 Electrics (Old) \$36 1/2

NEWSPAPERS NOT TO BE SENT ABROAD

A new Order published in London makes it illegal to send abroad otherwise than by post the following publications: "The Week," "Russia To-day," "Russia," "Russia To-day News-letter," "Challenge," "World News and Views," "Inside the Empire," "The New Propeller," "Action News Service," "People's Post," "Deadline," "Free Press," "Answers," "The British Union Quarterly," "Moscow News," and "Die Welt."

The Order also makes it illegal to distribute these newspapers by air to destinations outside the United Kingdom otherwise than in keeping the Western Hemisphere at peace, but from the standpoint of economic and political unity undoubtedly two Americas still exist.

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THORNY PROBLEMS FACE PAN-AMERICA CONFERENCE

THE PAN-AMERICAN Conference, attended by the representatives of 21 American Republics, which opened in Havana yesterday, will get down to its first real business to-day when statements will be made by U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull and the heads of the Cuban and Paraguayan delegations.

Yesterday's proceedings consisted of a formal opening ceremony in Cuba's new Capitol and a welcoming address by the Cuban President, Frederico Laredo Bru.

The Conference was convened by the United States primarily to consider questions arising from the European war.

Subjects expected to be discussed include the proposal that a joint protectorate should be established by the 21 Republics over the Western Hemisphere possessions of Nazi-occupied countries and a U.S. plan to form a Pan-American cartel to dispose of the surplus products of the Americas states.

Informal private discussions among the delegates have already revealed some of the problems facing the conference.

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GAIMUSHO AS POPULAR EDUCATOR

(Special to "China Mail")

In order to make the Japanese masses more familiar with international affairs, the Gaimusho in Tokyo plans to set up an "information office" from which knowledge on international problems will be dispensed to the people.

According to advance reports in Tokyo yesterday, the atmosphere within this office will be distinctly democratic and ordinary civilians will be able to dine at the same table as Cabinet Ministers who may happen to be there.

Free lectures and movies on foreign culture will be given from time to time. Artistic exhibits and other souvenirs brought to Japan by diplomats returning from abroad will be exhibited while the motto inscribed on the walls will be "Let foreign affairs and diplomacy be furthered with the cooperation of the public."—Havas.

TEN FOREIGN MINISTERS AT CONFERENCE

The Pan-American Conference opened at Havana yesterday evening, when the delegates from 21 American countries were welcomed by the President of Cuba.

There are 10 Foreign Ministers present at the conference, including Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, who is expected to address the delegates to-day.

Since his arrival on Saturday, Mr. Hull has been discussing with the other delegates the most urgent problems which the Conference will consider in detail.

So far, there has been no official indication of what these are, but news agency reports state that they will include the safeguarding of the Western Hemisphere from foreign aggression and infiltration and the future of the possessions in the Americas of European power.—Reuter.

ENORMOUS DYNAMO

(Special to "China Mail")

A 1,110-TON DYNAMO, ASSERTED TO BE THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, INTENDED TO GENERATE ELECTRIC POWER FOR THE GROWING INDUSTRIES OF NORTHERN KOREA AND SOUTHERN MANCHUKUO, WAS SHIPPED YESTERDAY FROM JAPAN TO THE HOHDOH PLANT ON THE YALU RIVER.

The dynamo was entirely built in Japan and is capable of generating 120,000 kilowatts. Construction took three years.

The engine is so huge and complicated that its dismantling for shipping took a whole month. Loading of the various parts on board the freighter took three days.—Havas.

THINK THE YEN IS WORTH MORE

(Special to "China Mail")

With increasing confidence in the yen owing to the European war, the Japanese Finance Ministry is alleged to be considering the possibility of increasing the yen value in terms of the United States dollar, according to the "Miyako Shimbun" in Tokyo yesterday.

Present dollar-yen official rate Havas.

NEW POLICE SOCCER OFFICIALS

At a meeting of the Police Sports Board held yesterday, the following were elected to the Football committee for the season:

Chairman:—Mr. A. R. S. Major.

Secretary:—Mr. J. Riddell.

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Mr. T. J. Stokes.

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Skips' Tables PING PONG EXHIBITION IN AID OF WAR FUND TO-MORROW

FOLLOWING ARE the records of all skips in the three divisions of the Lawn Bowls League.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Up	Dn.	Pts.
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	10	10	0	0	256	154	102	0	0	16
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	9	8	1	0	196	149	47	0	0	16
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.)	10	7	2	1	215	175	40	0	0	15
F. X. M. Silva (Rec. "A")	10	7	3	0	210	182	28	0	0	14
C. S. Rosselet (C.C.C.)	9	6	3	0	210	158	52	0	0	12
H. A. Alves (Rec. "A")	10	6	4	0	222	164	58	0	0	12
G. H. Sheriff (K.B.G.C.)	10	6	4	0	219	185	34	0	0	12
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	11	5	4	2	214	196	18	0	0	12
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	8	5	2	1	172	129	43	0	0	11
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	8	5	3	0	166	136	30	0	0	10
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	8	5	3	0	174	164	10	0	0	10
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	9	5	4	0	182	210	0	28	0	10
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C.)	10	5	5	0	215	184	31	0	0	10
J. E. Norrotha (Rec. "B")	10	5	5	0	203	190	13	0	0	10
K. S. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	7	4	3	0	135	135	0	0	0	8
E. Kern (K.C.C.)	8	4	4	0	151	169	0	18	0	8
M. R. Abbás (I.R.C.)	9	4	5	0	195	187	8	0	0	8
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	9	4	5	0	175	168	7	0	0	8
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	10	4	6	0	199	226	0	27	0	8
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	10	4	6	0	184	214	0	30	0	8
F. J. Jones (C.S.C.C.)	6	3	2	1	114	112	2	0	0	7
R. Basa (C.C.C.)	9	2	4	3	182	170	12	0	0	6
G. Duncan (H.K.F.C.)	4	3	1	0	85	70	15	0	0	6
J. Orem (P.R.C.)	7	2	4	1	119	153	0	34	0	5
N. J. Bebbington (H.K.F.C.)	10	2	7	1	160	223	0	63	0	4
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	3	2	1	0	68	66	2	0	0	4
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	4	2	2	0	72	82	0	10	0	4
J. McElvile (K.D.R.C.)	5	2	3	0	88	97	0	9	0	4
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	7	2	5	0	114	163	0	49	0	4
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	8	1	5	2	134	180	0	46	0	4
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	10	2	8	0	188	215	0	27	0	4
J. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	24	20	4	0	0	2
L. A. Collyer (C.S.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	17	3	0	0	2
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	48	37	11	0	0	2
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	3	1	2	0	58	64	0	6	0	2
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	4	0	82	124	0	42	0	2
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	8	1	7	0	150	192	0	42	0	2
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	20	24	0	4	0	0
G. C. Möss (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	37	0	23	0	0
C. Roza-Pereira (Rec. "B")	1	0	1	0	6	29	0	23	0	0
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	45	0	16	0	0
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	5	0	5	0	69	142	0	73	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Up	Dn.	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K.T.)	10	8	2	0	192	176	16	0	0	16
W. McNeill (C.C.C.)	8	7	1	0	186	132	54	0	0	14
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	9	7	2	0	208	144	64	0	0	14
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	10	7	3	0	235	173	62	0	0	14
C. P. Remedios (Rec.)	10	7	3	0	214	173	41	0	0	14
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	8	6	2	0	191	128	63	0	0	12
J. Chalmers (T.C.)	9	6	3	0	205	149	56	0	0	12
H. L. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	9	6	3	0	187	149	38	0	0	12
E. de Souza (Rec.)	10	5	4	1	196	164	32	0	0	11
J. L. Stephens (K.T.)	6	5	1	0	125	113	12	0	0	10
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	8	5	3	0	171	139	32	0	0	10
A. Spary (K.C.C.)	8	5	3	0	154	140	14	0	0	10
R. M. Keown (T.C.)	9	5	4	0	184	161	23	0	0	10
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	9	4	3	2	170	209	0	39	0	10
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	9	4	3	2	170	216	0	8	0	10
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	11	5	6	0	208	216	0	8	0	10
P. Yvanovich (Rec.)	9	4	4	1	177	174	3	0	0	9
D. Munro (T.C.)	9	4	5	0	179	182	0	3	0	9
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	6	3	2	1	126	99	27	0	0	7
S. Eccleshall (C.S.C.C.)	8	3	4	1	145	151	0	6	0	7
A. H. Basto (K.T.)	10	3	6	1	185	204	0	19	0	6
B. E. Maughan (H.K.C.C.)	9	3	6	0	153	189	0	36	0	6
L. Guy (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	1	1	88	70	18	0	0	4
T. Stanton (T.C.)	3	2	1	0	59	52	7	0	0	4
W. Harrower (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	2	0	88	60	28	0	0	4
A. Wright (P.R.C.)	4	2	2	0	80	77	3	0	0	4
H. Drew (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	2	0	73	79	0	6	0	4
H. Gittins (K.T.)	4	2	2	0	75	82	0	7	0	4
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	5	2	3	0	90	107	0	17	0	4
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	5	2	3	0	91	113	0	22	0	4
V. Chittenden (K.F.C.)	5	2	3	0	85	109	0	24	0	3
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	9	1	7	1	159	183	0	24	0	3
W. Hyde (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	30	3	27	0	0	2
J. C. Gill (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	26	14	12	0	0	2
A. A. Razack (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	24	13	11	0	0	2
A. A. Remedios (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	19	10	9	0	0	2
H. Overy (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	25	18	7	0	0	2
V. N. Attienna (K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	22	17	5	0	0	2
R. R. Davies (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	39	32	7	0	0	2
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	36	34	2	0		

ARMY TENNIS PAIRINGS

"A" Division

The following are "A" Division Army League tennis pairings to date:—
 Smith and Harrison (R.A.M.C.) 12 0 12
 Emberton and Duffield (R.A.O.C.) 12 0 12
 Gross and Wilkinson (R.E.) 12 1 11
 Meeson and Denyer (R.E.) 12 2 10
 Mitchell and Ebdon (R.E.) 12 2 10
 Skipworth and Hook (8th R.A.) 12 3 2
 Taylor and James (R.A.P.C.) 8 0 2
 Bridge and Boocock (R.A.O.C.) 9 1 8
 Gardner and Stonor (R.A.O.C.) 9 2 7
 Adlam and Murray (R.A.P.C.) 8 2 6
 Webb and Milne (R.A.M.C.) 9 4 5
 Meekings and Louis (5th R.A.) 9 4 5
 Martin and Logan (R.A.S.C.) 8 2 4
 Pinkney and Carden (R.A.P.C.) 8 4 4
 Ailey and Willis (R.S.) 9 5 4
 Logan and Young (R.A.S.C.) 3 0 3
 Morgan and Mew (5th R.A.) 3 0 3
 Musson and Parkinson (R.A.M.C.) 8 0 3
 Guest and Waldron (Middlesex) 3 0 2
 Young and Gibbs (R.A.S.C.) 6 3 3
 Martin and Gibbs (R.A.S.C.) 6 3 3
 Martin and Young (R.A.S.C.) 3 1 2
 Logan and Gibbs (R.A.S.C.) 3 1 2
 Tevernor and Morgan (5th R.A.) 3 1 2
 Moon and Waller (12th R.A.) 3 1 1
 McMurphy and Scorey (12th R.A.) 3 1 2
 Boocock and Stonor (R.A.O.C.) 3 1 2
 Gardner and Wardle (R.A.O.C.) 3 1 2
 Webb and Parkin (R.A.M.C.) 3 1 2
 Banty and Whylie (R.A.M.C.) 3 1 2
 White and Douglas (R.S.) 3 1 2
 Jenkins and Wills (R.S.) 3 1 2
 Tevernor and Mew (5th R.A.) 3 1 2
 Musson and Reynolds (R.A.M.C.) 6 4 2
 McDougall and Douglas (R.S.) 6 4 2
 Duncan and Glasgow (R.S.) 6 4 2
 Ingram and Morgan (5th R.A.) 6 4 2
 Way and Scorey (12th R.A.) 3 2 1
 Langley and Brakenberry (Signals) 3 2 1
 Whaten and Tomlinson (Signals) 3 2 1
 Scoul and McHarty (12th R.A.) 3 2 1
 Roach and Ward (8th R.A.) 3 2 1
 Osborne and Marsh (8th R.A.) 3 2 1
 Lane and Meekings (5th R.A.) 3 2 1
 Ingram and Tevernor (5th R.A.) 3 2 1
 Guest and Mellor (Middlesex) 3 2 1
 Smyth and Elliot (12th R.A.) 6 5 1
 Glasgow and Fowler (R.S.) 6 5 1
 Bundy and Husband (Signals) 6 5 1
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 Andrew and Young (R.A.S.C.) 3 3 0
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 Moore and Walton (R.A.S.C.) 3 3 0
 Dunne and Meldor (Middlesex) 3 3 0
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 Hewitt and Castle (Middlesex) 3 3 0
 Challis and Isles (Middlesex) 3 3 0
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R.A.)	3	3	0	Freeman and Bird (R.E.)	0	0	0	R.A.)	3	1	2	McMillan and Denton (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
R.A.)	3	3	0	Cooper and Hunter (R.A.O.C.)	0	3	5	R.A.)	3	1	2	Whitmore and Burdett (36th R.A.)	3	2	1
Shirlaw and Marsh (8th R.A.)	3	3	0	Bird and Martin (R.E.)	0	1	5	Bowditch and Nutmore (8th R.A.)	3	1	2	Mills and Hickie (36th R.A.)	3	2	1	
McMurphy and Forrester (12th R.A.)	3	3	0	Brakenberry and Langley (Signals)	0	4	5	Coughlin and Barracough (5th R.A.)	3	1	2	Barwell and Stone (8th R.A.)	3	2	1	
Waller and Earl (12th R.A.)	3	3	0	Ward and Hannan (24th R.A.)	0	2	4	Whittaker and Morgan (5th R.A.)	3	1	2	Moore and Adams (R.A.S.C.)	2	2	0	
Douglas and Alpey (R.S.)	3	3	0	Ingleby and Reed (R.A.P.C.)	0	5	4	Coughlin and Savage (5th R.A.)	3	1	2	Swyres and Gorman (Signals)	3	3	0	
Hunt and Spiller (55th M.G.)	3	3	0	Bearson and McMillan (24th R.A.)	0	3	5	Wood and Sheridan (R.A.)	3	3	0	Tucker and Adams (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0	
Lowings and Turner (35th M.G.)	3	3	0	Roche and Maynard (8th R.A.)	0	3	9	Moore and Sheridan (R.A.)	3	3	0	Smith and Fare (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0	
Graham and Cook (35th M.G.)	3	3	0	Lamb and Bird (R.E.)	0	3	0	Roberts and Chalcraft (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0	Roberts and Chalcraft (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0	
Sayers and Whaten (Signals) (als)	3	3	0	Kennedy and Savage (5th R.A.)	0	3	0	Willis and Dignan (Signals)	3	2	1	Willis and Dignan (Signals)	3	3	0	
Tomlinson and Pitcher (Signals) (als)	3	3	0	Hamman and Thompson (24th R.A.)	0	3	3	King and Adams (R.A.S.C.)	3	2	1	Chalcraft and Pendegast (R.A.P.C.)	3	3	0	
McConnel and Marsh (8th R.A.)	6	6	0	Ward and Pidgeon (24th R.A.)	0	3	3	Gray and Martin (R.A.S.C.)	3	2	1	Green and Fowler (R.S.)	3	3	0	
Osborne and Skinner (8th R.A.)	9	9	0	Thompson and Denton (24th R.A.)	0	3	3	Glenn and Walton (R.A.S.C.)	3	2	1	Denton and Simons (24th R.A.)	3	3	0	
McMillan and Simons (24th R.A.)	.....	6	0	Bowditch and Maynard (9th R.A.)	0	3	3	Roberts and Lucknow (R.A.P.C.)	3	2	1	Shirlaw and Pettifer (8th R.A.)	3	3	0	
				Fiddy and Barracough (5th R.A.)	0	3	3	Stone and Hemming (R.A.P.C.)	3	2	1	Goldthorpe and Stone (8th R.A.)	3	3	0		
				Iggleden and Bannister (R.A.P.C.)	0	3	3	Luckhurst and Stone (R.A.P.C.)	3	2	1	Freer and Doane (8th R.A.)	3	2	1		
				Graham and Green (R.S.)	0	5	3	Anderson and Bearson (24th R.A.)	3	2	1	Tuckley and Cathrope (8th R.A.)	3	3	0		
				Spencer and Shaw (R.E.)	15	2	15	Whelan and Danning (R.S.)	3	2	1	Pinder and Thrush (R.A.O.C.)	3	3	0		
				Tenkink and Gilroy (R.S.)	18	6	12	Walton and King (R.A.S.C.)	3	1	2	Mills and Coughlin (6th R.A.)	3	3	0		
				Mills and Simpson (5th R.A.)	9	2	7	Sheridan and Woodward (R.A.S.C.)	2	0	1	Wilson and Stevens (5th R.A.)	3	3	0		
				Deters and Harding (R.A.O.C.)	9	2	7	Hamson and Newton (24th R.A.)	3	1	2	Chalcraft and Hemming (R.A.P.C.)	6	6	0		
				Taylor and Downing (R.S.)	15	8	7	Gibbs and King (R.A.S.C.)	3	1	2	Fiddy and King (R.A.S.C.)	3	1	0		
				Whittaker and Coughlin (5th R.A.)	6	0	6	Mills and Burdett (36th R.A.)	3	1	2	Thompson and Pidgeon (24th R.A.)	3	2	1		
				McMillan and Simons (24th R.A.)	6	0	6	Berry and Hickie (36th R.A.)	3	1	2	Ward and Denton (24th R.A.)	3	2	1		
								Mills and Thompson (36th R.A.)	3	1							

"B" Division

The following are "B" Division Army League tennis pairings to date:—
 Rivett and Quinell (R.E.) 15 0 15
 Spencer and Shaw (R.E.) 15 2 15
 Tenkink and Gilroy (R.S.) 18 6 12
 Mills and Simpson (5th R.A.) 9 2 7
 Deters and Harding (R.A.O.C.) 9 2 7
 Taylor and Downing (R.S.) 15 8 7
 Whittaker and Coughlin (5th R.A.) 6 0 6
 McMillan and Simons (24th R.A.) 6 0 6
 Mills and Burdett (36th R.A.) 3 1 2
 Berry and Hickie (36th R.A.) 3 1 2
 Mills and Thompson (36th R.A.) 3 1 2

EASTERN TO TOUR JAVA

(Special to China Mail Copyright)
 Eastern, who should have left Singapore yesterday for home, are now extending their tour to Java, where 14 games have been arranged for them in various places by the Chinese Sporting Associations there.

This will mean that Eastern will not return to Hong Kong till the middle of September or just before the local season starts.

Yesterday at Singapore, Eastern defeated the Chinese Football Association by 4 goals to 1 in a fast game and before a large crowd.

This was the third game for China Relief work and the amount raised by Eastern for this purpose, on the tour, is now over \$15,000.

In yesterday's game both teams had scored once in the first half. Hsu Man-fui netted for Eastern. In the second period Hau Ching-to (2) and Chang Kain-hol netted further goals.—Our Own Correspondent.

LOCAL BASEBALL RESULTS

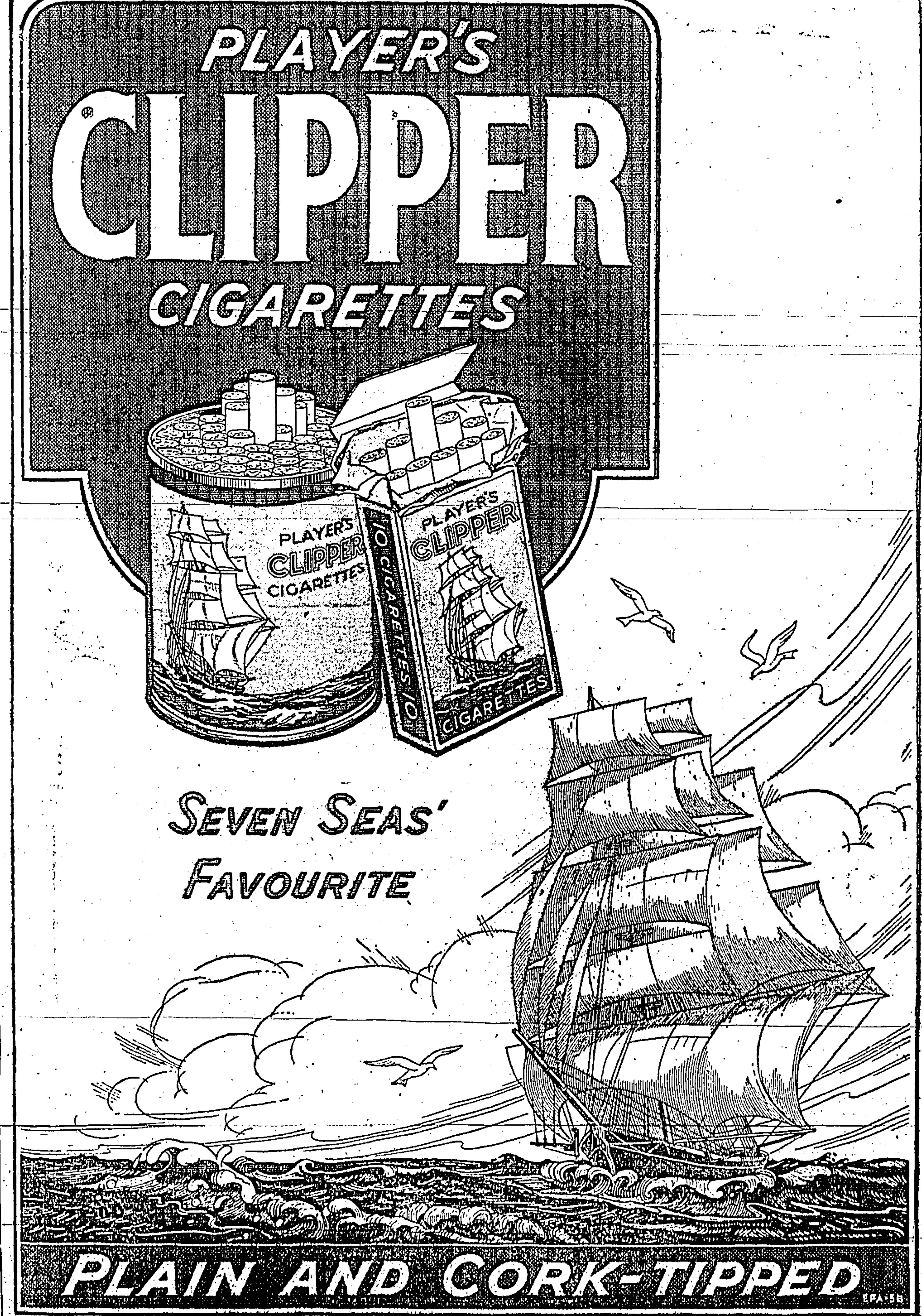
Three local baseball records were broken yesterday when Mindanao beat South China by 14 runs to 0.

This is the first no hit, no errors and no runs game of the season. Hitherto, Mindanao and H.B. had blanked their opponents but no team had yet registered a no hit no error game.

Pawlowski, smashed another local record when he struck out no less than 10 batters during the game yesterday against South China.

Royal Engineers registered their first win of the season, when they beat Hong Kong Baseball Club by 17 runs to 8.

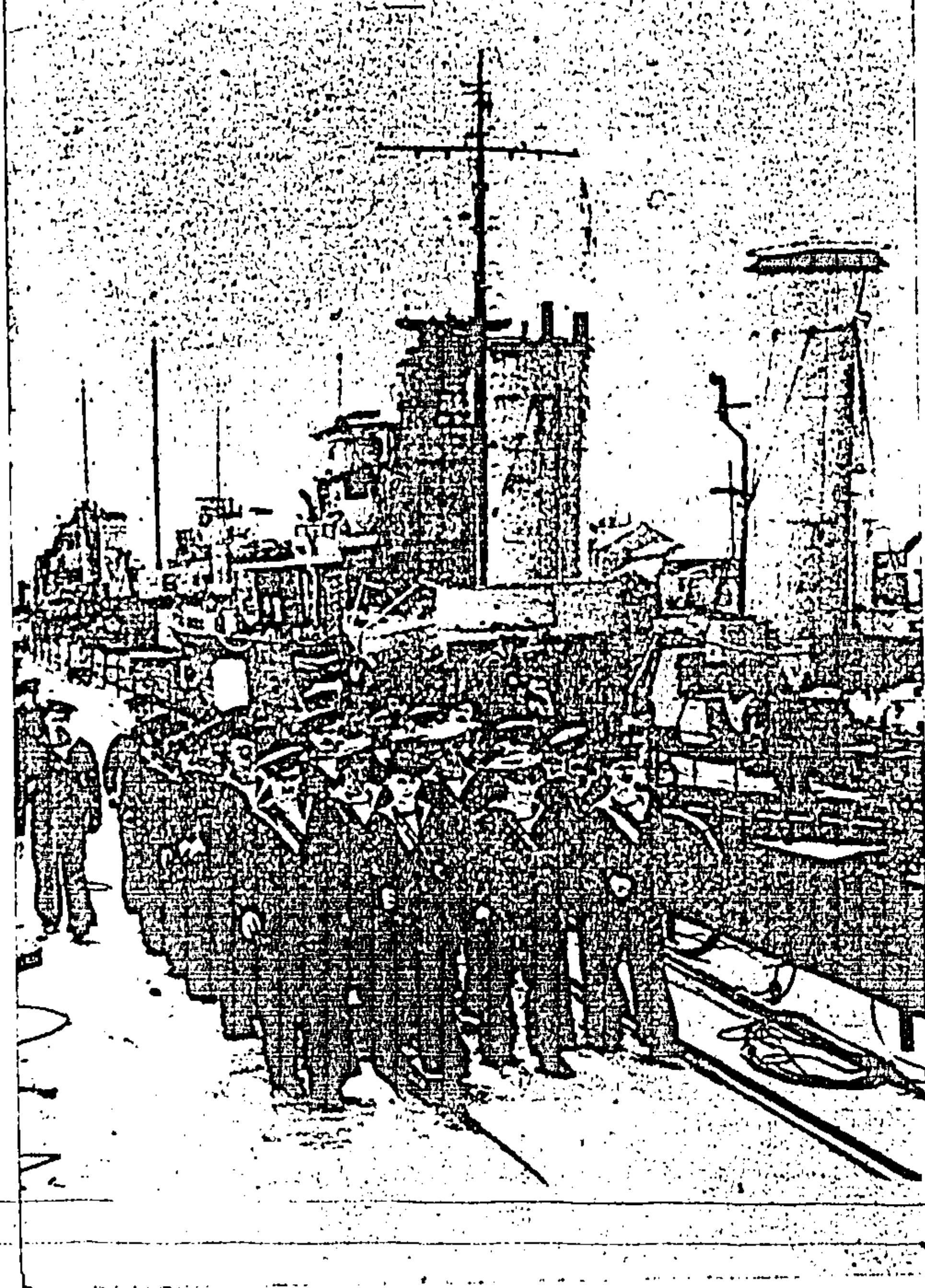
SEVEN SEAS' FAVOURITE



PLAIN AND CORK-TIPPED

BALTIC STATES TO ENTER SOVIET UNION

Lithuania Gives Lead To Latvia, Estonia
Unanimous Vote In Latvian Parliament



First Canadian Destroyers arrive. Men of the R.C.N. coming ashore from Canadian destroyers on arrival in England. (Air Mail. Copyright).

TWO NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN

An enemy fighter was shot down yesterday morning near the enemy bomber was shot down in south coast by British fighters, the afternoon.—Reuter.

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THE GERMAN NEWS agency correspondent in Tallinn stated yesterday that the Estonian Parliament has unanimously voted for union with Soviet Russia.

This development followed an earlier announcement by the same agency that the Minister of Interior declared Lithuania to be a Soviet Socialist Republic at the meeting of Parliament.

The Minister is reported to have added that the Soviet Constitution would be introduced immediately. The Lithuanian Parliament subsequently unanimously agreed to this course, the report adds.

Four Proposals

The following proposals are stated to have been placed before the Lithuanian Parliament:

Firstly, the question of acceptance of the new Constitution.

Secondly, the question of co-operation with the Soviet.

Thirdly, regulation of the land question.

Fourthly, the question of dispossessing big banks, factories and large enterprises.—Reuter.

Latvia Follows Suit

Latvia has also decided to become a Soviet Republic and join the Soviet Union by unanimous vote of the Latvian Parliament yesterday, stated the German news agency's Riga correspondent.—Reuter.

FLEET AIR ATTACK ON TOBRUK

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT EARLY ON THE MORNING OF JULY 20 SWORDFISH AIRCRAFT OF THE FLEET AIR ARM CARRIED OUT ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE ITALIAN BASE AT TOBRUK.

A direct hit on an oiler was followed by a heavy explosion. Other hits were scored on transports and supply ships.

All our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

Cairo Communiqué

A communiqué in Cairo yesterday stated that in the Western Desert the daily harassing of enemy columns attempting to approach Capuzzo continues.

In Somaliland on July 19 our Camel Corps pony patrol successfully raided the Italian post at Farenji inflicting casualties. Our casualties were nil.

There is nothing to report on other fronts.—Reuter.

Nairobi Reports

A Nairobi communiqué said our reconnaissance patrols encountered in enemy battalion of mounted infantry in the northern frontier district on Saturday evening and inflicted casualties on them.—Reuter.

"SYDNEY" ACTION DECORATIONS

It was officially announced in London yesterday that Capt. John Augustus Collins, of the Australian cruiser Sydney, has been made a Companion of the Order of the Bath; and Commander Hugh Nicolson, Senior Officer of the destroyer force, has been awarded a bar to the D.S.O. following the sinking of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni.—Reuter.

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ARMY CASUALTY LIST ISSUED

The names of 74 officers and 901 other ranks appear in a War Office casualty list issued in London yesterday.

The casualties include 16 officers killed and 40 wounded, and 47 other ranks killed.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Halifax's reply to Hitler will deal less with military considerations than the great moral issues that forbid all compromise in the struggle between the free community and the concentration camp, between the hopes of Christianity and the open glorying in Paganism.

The explicit British answer, says the "Times" correspondent, was given a month before Hitler spoke, on June 18, during the worst days in France, when Mr. Churchill gave the "solid grounds whereupon we base our inflexible resolve to continue the war."

He said:—"The professional advisers of the three services unitedly advised us that we should do so, and there are good reasonable hopes of final victory."

"The Times" continues that the Services' view was given when much was uncertain. Could the British regiments return from France? How quickly could they and other regiments be re-equipped? Would the German assault come straight away on the first of the days prophesied by Berlin?

Since then, questions have been answered to our advantage. Months of solid work have been put into the country's defences and the R.A.F. has more than held its own during the recent heavy, dispersed raids.

Probably Hitler will hold back until he thinks his preparations are as thorough as they can be, but gains from delay are not on his side alone. The British Service chiefs have certainly no reason nor any inclination to change their quietly confident view of a month ago.

German resources are neither so plentiful as Hitler suggested nor so straitened as many people in Britain have supposed.

In a leading article, "The Times" says that Hitler's speech may be the prelude to the long-delayed assault on Britain. It may mean—though this seems unlikely—that Hitler has reconciled himself to a war of attrition.

In any case, we are prepared. In the air, the offensive has already passed to our fighters and bombers, who will return it whatever onslaughts may be in the course of preparation against us. On the seas, our mastery remains uncontested.—Reuter.

Two, or possibly three, German bombers are believed to have been brought down by anti-aircraft fire at a south-west town in England this morning.—Reuter.

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